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Baloch militants attack Chinese engineers

Vehicles carrying Chinese engineers working on China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project came under attack in the port city of Gwadar in Pakistan's restive Balochistan province on Sunday

Majeed Brigade, the suicide squad of Balochistan Liberation Army, claimed responsibility

No Chinese nationals were injured in the attack

Two terrorists involved in the attack were killed by Pakistan's security forces

10 A.M. when terrorists armed with small arms and hand grenades took aim at the convoy

The Chinese embassy in Islamabad has demanded a thorough investigation

The CPEC project seeks to link China's western Xinjiang province to Gwadar port in Balochistan

Hindu outfits announce resumption of VHP yatra

Mahapanchayat decides to resume yatra in Haryana's Nuh on Aug 28

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

A 'mahapanchayat' called by Hindu outfits in Haryana's Palwal on Sunday decided to resume the Vishva Hindu Parishad-led Brij Mandal Jalabhishek Yatra, which was abruptly halted due to the communal violence in Nuh district on August 28.

Sources said the yatra will resume from Nalhar in Nuh and then pass through Firozepur Jhirka's Jhir and Singar temples in the district.

Mahapanchayat is a gathering of people from 10-12 villages. Around 1,500 people attended the meet on Sunday.

Urging Hindu youth to take up arms for self-defence, the mahapanchayat demanded that the government relax arms licence norms. It also raised several other demands, including a probe by the National Investigation Agency into the attack on the VHP yatra and declaring the violence-hit Nuh a cow slaughter-free district.

There were also calls for merging the Muslim-dominated Nuh with the adjoining districts of Gurugram, Palwal and Faridabad and trial of all the accused outside Nuh district.

Speaking at the meet, Acharya Azad Shashtri, head of Haryana Gau Rakshak Dal, said: "It is a do or die situation. Don't be scared of cases."

The mahapanchayat lauded the Haryana government's demolition drive, but said it was not enough and that rioters should be made to pay for the damage caused.

Among the other demands were ₹1 crore each to the kin of those killed in the communal clashes, ₹50 lakh to those injured and 100% compensation to the owners of vehicles, shops and houses damaged.

The mahapanchayat was held under the banner of 'Sarv Hindu Samaj', in which several Hindu outfits, including the Vishva Hindu Parishad and Bajrang Dal, took part.

It was originally planned to be held in Nuh district's Kira village but permission was denied for it in view of the prevailing law and order situation. Palwal and Nuh are adjoining districts.

Superintendent of Police of Palwal Lokender Singh said the permission for mahapanchayat was granted on several conditions, including prohibition on hate speech.

Around 1,500 people attended the Mahapanchayat at Nuh-Palwal border near Pondri village in Haryana on Sunday | PTI

'Need permanent central forces in Nuh'

The mahapanchayat sought permanent deployment of Rapid Action Force and four battalions of central forces in Nuh district, Haryana. They also demanded that the Rohingyas and other illegal migrants living in Nuh be removed forthwith and a law be made to enforce this

Upendra's 'anti-Dalit' comment sparks row

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@ Bengaluru

LEADER of Uttama Prajakeeya Party and actor Upendra courted controversy on Sunday after he allegedly made a discriminatory statement against Dalits during his Facebook live session. His comment was widely criticised on social media sites, while protests were also held in some parts of Ramanagara, where his effigy was burnt.

Even as negative and angry responses started on social media, Upendra quickly tendered an apology and deleted the post. On his Facebook page, he said, "Those who are speaking against me today were not even born then. Fifty years ago, I saw cruel poverty, people dying by suicide by setting themselves on fire, hunger, humiliation and oppression. Would one who has grown up experiencing all this speak ill against a particular section? Am I crazy? What would I gain from it? Don't you have the courage to offer forgiveness? Why is there so much hate?"

The Chennammana Kere Achukattu police in Bengaluru registered an FIR against him based on a complaint filed by Madhusudhan KN, an Assistant Director of the Social Welfare Department. The police have booked the actor-politician under the provisions of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. The police said a decision will be taken to summon Upendra for questioning based on the findings of the investigation. "We will check in what context and with what intent he has made the statement. Based on that, further action will be initiated," a senior police officer said. P4

Army to push for patrolling rights in talks with PLA today

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

CORPS Commanders of India and China are set to hold the 19th round of meetings on Monday at Chushul-Moldo Meeting Point on the Indian side of the border to discuss the disengagement of troops from eastern Ladakh's remaining standoff points.

The thrust will be on the restoration of the Indian Army's patrolling rights up until the traditional patrolling points (PPs), sources said.

It was exclusively reported by this newspaper that the Indian Army has put its foot down on the issue of patrolling rights and has insisted with the Chinese side that it be allowed to patrol till the traditional patrolling points in the remaining standoff locations.

"The Indian stance on the standoff points has remained consistent — the restoration of status quo ante as of April 2020. Importantly, this entails the restoration of patrolling rights till the traditional patrolling points," a source said.

Depsang and Demchok are the two remaining standoff points. In Depsang, Chinese troops have blocked Indian access to PP 10, 11, 11A, 12, and 13. As per sources, the total area here that remains out of access for Indian troops is about 952 sq km.

Monday's meeting comes over three years after the first round of Corps Commander's meetings was held on June 6, 2020, days after clashes between the Indian and Chinese forces in the Galwan Valley.

There's pressure to join BJP, but we won't budge, says Pawar

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

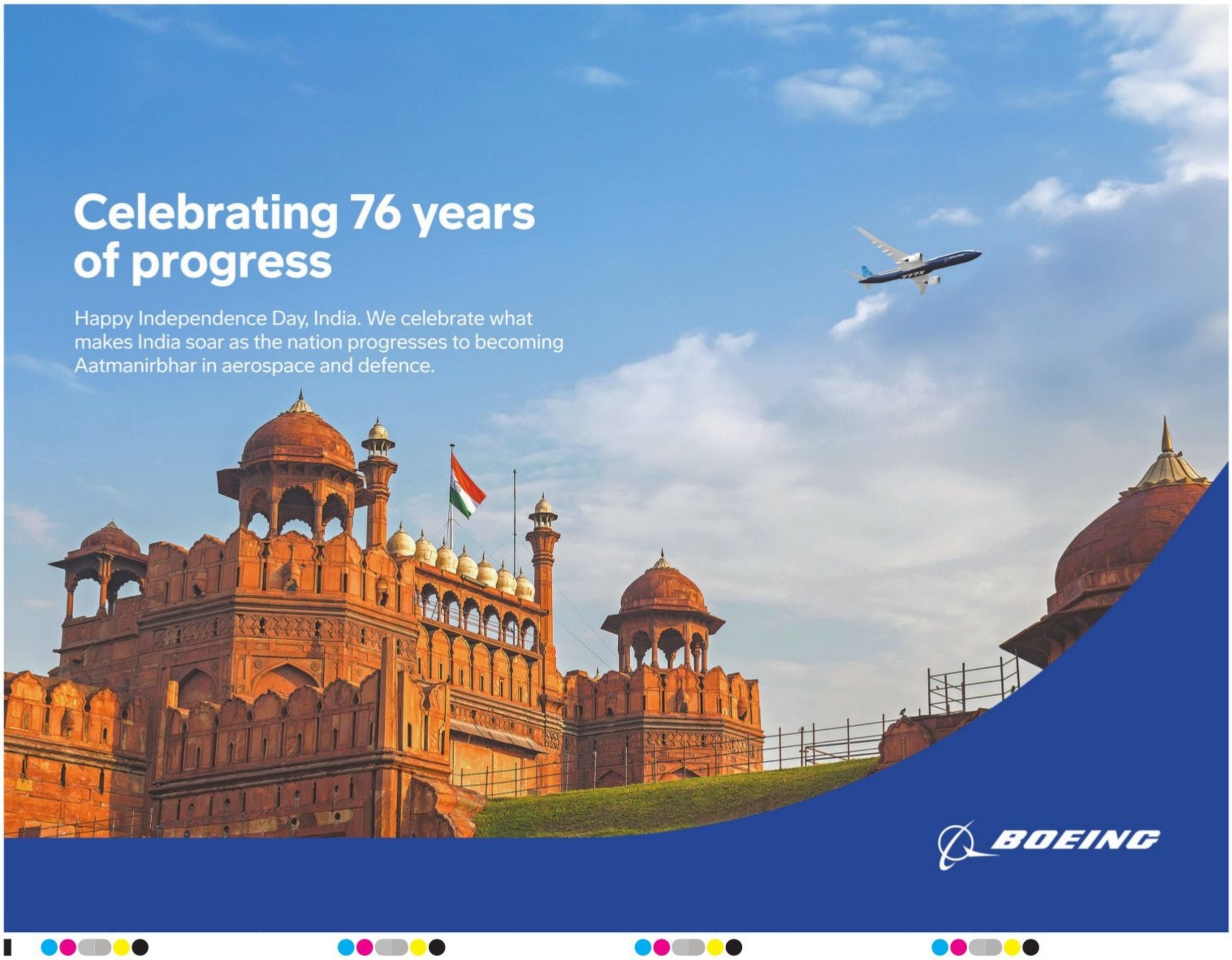
A day after he held a closed-door meeting with his nephew and Maharashtra deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar, Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Pawar on Sunday said some well-wishers want him to join hands with the BJP, but he will not listen to them.

"There are some of us who have taken a different stand," Pawar said referring to Ajit's decision to join the BJP-led government in Maharashtra. "But we are very clear that any association with the BJP does not fit into our political ideology. So, no questions of NCP joining hands with the BJP," Pawar clarified. Highly-placed sources said the BJP leadership has told Ajit that he will be elevated as CM only if his uncle retires from active politics or extends support to the Ajit-led NCP faction, which supports the BJP. When asked about his meeting with Ajit, Pawar senior said, "It was not a secret meeting at all. Why people should object to meeting between family members?"

EXPRESS READ

Kids under 15 can't walk to Tirumala after 2 pm: TTD

TIRUMALA: In the wake of a leopard mauling a six-year-old girl to death in Tirumala on Friday, the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) has announced a ban on children aged under 15 walking to Tirumala after 2 pm. The children, along with their parents, are allowed to trek on both the footpath routes, from 5 am to 2 pm only. P5


Celebrating 76 years of progress
Happy Independence Day, India. We celebrate what makes India soar as the nation progresses to becoming Aatmanirbhar in aerospace and defence.
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Monday: 14/08/2023 • Year: Shobhakruta • Ayana: Dakshinayana
Ritu: Varsha • Masa: Adhika Shravana • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: Thrayodasi 8.53 am
Nakshatra: Punarvasu 11.46 am • Moon in Simha Rashi • Rahukaala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am
Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER
MIN 20°C | MAX 30°C
FORECAST
Showers early. Overcast.

Sunrise 6.07 am
Sunset 6.41 pm
Moonrise 4.13 am
Moonset 5.29 pm

GOLDEN JUBILEE

Loco pilots commemorate historic pact with govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

TO mark the golden jubilee of the victory achieved through a historical agreement signed between the Centre and the All-India Loco Running Staff Association (AILRSA) on August 13, 1973, the Benglauru division of the association held a convention here on Sunday.

S Radhakrishna

S Radhakrishna, ex-president, Central Government Employees Co-ordination Committee, Karnataka, inaugurated the meet.

The strike had commenced on the midnight of August 1-2 and resulted in arrests, imprisonment, and assault with rifles on the railway workers, but they ultimately tasted victory, said an official release.

The biggest achievement was that it was agreed upon that loco running staff will not be required to work for more than 10 hours at a stretch.

C Sunish, All-India joint secretary general of AILRSA; V Krishnanand, division secretary; Pravesh Sahare, division treasurer; and SK Thivari, division president spoke at the meeting.

Extended Purple Line could launch in early Sept

Load tests to check girder strength begin

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THE crucial load tests, wherein checks are carried out to assess the ability of the girders to bear heavy passenger load, began on Saturday with 180 tonnes of sandbags placed in two separate trains between Jyotipura and Baiyappanahalli. It now appears that the full Purple Line from Whitefield to Challaghatta could be launched in the first half of September.

The first trial run between KR Pura and Baiyappanahalli began on July 26, and various tests are on since then on the tracks and trains. August-end was specified as the launch date at that time.

The ongoing load tests using sand bags would be completed by August 19, a senior official said, adding, "There are two web girders through which we need to carry out the tests, the Composite Site Girder and the Open Web Girder. Each train is carrying 180 tonnes of sandbags in three coaches, with each coach carrying 60 tonnes of load. This would go on for a week. After that signalling tests will begin on this stretch and that would be completed on August 28."

Sandbags are placed in a Metro coach as part of a load test | EXPRESS

Meanwhile, the signalling tests are taking place between Kengeri and Challaghatta stations, which mark the other extreme of this line, another official said. The Commissioner of Metro Rail Safety (CMRS) has already been handed over all the required documents by the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL). "He has returned the documents recently, seeking certain clarifications. We have answered them and it will be re-submitted in a day or two to him. The launch of the line depends on the CMRS' inspection and certification," a senior official said.

The inspection date will be confirmed shortly. "Internally, BMRCL is preparing for a launch on September 7. However, the CMRS dates are yet to be given. Even if that gets slightly delayed, it is safe to say that before the second week of September, the commercial launch will take place," he said.

Members of the police band take part in a dress rehearsal ahead of the Independence Day parade, at Manekshaw Parade Ground in Bengaluru on Sunday. (Right) Bengaluru City Police Commissioner B Dayananda and BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath address the media on preparations for I-Day | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Manekshaw Parade Ground decks up to welcome 76th Independence Day

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THE stage is set for the 76th Independence Day celebration at Manekshaw Parade Ground, which is expected to see around 8,000 people in attendance. Nearly 1,800 police personnel will be deployed to guard the venue. BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath, along with Bengaluru City Police Commissioner B Dayananda and Deputy Commissioner (Bengaluru Urban) Dayananda KA, inspected the venue and oversaw the final rehearsal of the event on Sunday morning.

Addressing the media on Sunday, Girinath said, "The stage is set for the Independence Day celebration. Around 1,500 children from different schools across the city will be taking part in cultural programmes on Tuesday. For the general public, VIPs and VVIPs and special invitees, 8,000 seats have been arranged to witness the parade."

At 8.58 am on August 15, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will arrive at the Manekshaw Parade Ground, and hoist the Tricolour by 9 am. He will get on an open vehicle and receive the guard of honour from various wings of the state police.

Including the armed platoons of the Border Security Force, Central Reserve Police Force, Goa State Police, Karnataka State Reserve Police, and unarmed platoons of Excise, Fire Service, and school groups, a total of 38 platoons, with 1,350 people, will take part in a parade.

"There will be tight security on Independence Day with 1,786 police personnel on duty. The general public will be allowed to carry only their mobile phones, wallets and handbags (women). Hundred CCTV cameras have been installed to monitor the ground, along with 20 door frame metal detectors. There will be three baggage scanners and 40 handheld metal detectors," the police commissioner said.

Articles prohibited

Meanwhile, matchboxes, cigarettes, pamphlets, knives, black cloth, food items, sharp objects, water bottles and cans, firecrackers and explosives, liquor, colour powder, and cameras are prohibited.

Parking restrictions

Traffic will be diverted from 8 am to 11 am from BRV Junction to Kamaraj Road Junction on Cubbon Road. Further, people are advised not to park around Central Street from Anil Kumble Circle to Shivajinagar Bus Stand, Cubbon Road, from CTO to KR Road and Cubbon Road Junction, and MG Road from Anil Kumble Circle to Queens Circle.

Bannerghatta Park to be open on August 15

The Bannerghatta Biological Park will remain open on August 15. Usually, the zoo, safari and butterfly park are closed every Tuesday, however, the BBP said the park will be closed on August 16, instead of Tuesday.

TEACHERS, FISHERMEN, ARTISANS FROM K'TAKA TO WITNESS I-DAY FETE IN DELHI

Teachers, fishermen, artisans, and beneficiaries of various programmes are among the 31 special invitees from Karnataka who will witness the Independence Day celebrations in New Delhi. The special guests include six teachers, four fishermen, three artisans, three beneficiaries of the Jal Jeevan mission, two each beneficiaries of Amrit Sarovar and Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana and representatives of 13 farmer produce organisations in Karnataka. The initiative to invite people from all walks of life from across the country to be a part of the celebrations was taken by the Centre in line with its vision of 'Jan Bhagidari', said a statement. Around 1,800 special invitees from across the country will witness the Independence Day celebrations in the national capital, the statement added.

Seaweed flags for a sustainable future

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BENGALUREANS can now opt for Tricolours made from seaweed -- a more sustainable option, compared with plastic and cloth flags. For the first time in India, flags have been made from seaweed paper, which can last up to two years, and are easily biodegradable within 30 days.

In a bid to promote eco-friendly and sustainable practices, Seed Paper India launched Tricolour flags made of seaweed and seed paper. Seaweed-based products offer several benefits, from reducing deforestation to supporting carbon capture and promoting biodiversity.

"The initiative is aimed at increasing awareness and making Bengaluru the sustainability hub of the world," Seed Paper India Founder Roshan Ray said, adding that 1 kg of seaweed can produce 20-25 flags. Earlier, TNIE had reported on seaweed paper being used to make diaries, visiting cards and price tags.

"This is a new experiment for us and we are creating more awareness about it, especially amongst youngsters. In fact, youngsters in the age group of 18-28 are very interested in the initiative and have bought many of the flags," said Ray.

Meanwhile, the organisation has sold 10,000 flags to ITC Hotels to gift their guests, while several thousand were bought by corporates, resident welfare associations and NGOs.

BBMP fire: 2 patients put on nasal catheter

ENS @Bengaluru

TWO patients, injured in the fire accident at the BBMP head office's quality control room, have been put on nasal catheters as they are finding it difficult to breathe.

Jyothi (26), an operator, and Shivakumar (45), a chief engineer, were among the nine people who inhaled benzene fumes during the accident. The two are slightly more critical as benzene inhalation has led to lung inflammation (pulmonary oedema) affecting their breathing, said Dr Ramesh Krishna, dean-director, Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute (BMCRI). Anti-oedema measures are being taken and the two patients have been put on nasal catheters. Their condition does not seem to be deteriorating, he added.

Another critical patient Kiran (37), who has kidney issues, showed high serum creatinine levels and had to undergo dialysis again on Sunday.

The other six patients are stable and will continue to be monitored for the next 3-4 days, stated a release from BMCRI.

We need to give time to officials to probe: BBMP chief

On the fire incident at the BBMP head office, BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath on Sunday said, "The investigation is going on. We have to give the needed time to the officials to carry out the investigation and submit the report. If the investigation is not done in a detailed manner and rushed, there are chances that the report will be half-baked. So sufficient time should be given to carry out the investigation."

AIR ASIA PLAYS HAVOC WITH TRAVEL PLANS OF NINE PASSENGERS

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

NINE Air Asia India passengers from Bengaluru to Kochi and Goa, including a senior citizen on a wheelchair, are angry that their travel plans were dashed after a major goof-up by the airline and a delay in one of its connecting flights from Bhubaneswar on Saturday. After they protested at Terminal 2, the airline put them on flights the following day (Sunday).

While seven of them had flown into Bengaluru from Bhubaneswar, a couple was from Kolkata. Bharathwaj Sampath, a general manager with a private comapny in Kolkata, who was traveling with his wife Anuradha, told TNIE that their Air Asia flight was from Kolkata to Goa via Bhubaneswar and Bengaluru. "We were going to Goa to catch up with my two daughters and a son for a vacation. At Bhubaneswar, we were told there was a technical issue and we were made to board another flight to Bengaluru which caused a delay," Sampath said.

After reaching Bengaluru, the couple reached boarding gate for their Goa flight (I5 670) at 10.20 pm. "I was told by R Khan of the airline to come back at 11 pm. When we went later, we were told to stand aside. The same happened to another flyer Sangram Das and we were told our boarding passes were not passing through the scanner as our tickets from Bengaluru to Goa had been cancelled by the airline staff at Bhubaneswar. They claimed we had consented to it. The three of us neither gave our consent nor were we alerted about the cancellation," he said. "We called the Central Industrial Security Force for help and after much protests, we were given seats on a 4 am flight on Sunday," he added.

Das said, "How did CISF let us inside if our tickets had been cancelled? I had three business meetings in Goa and everything stands cancelled."

The delay by the flight (I5 1563) from Bhubaneswar to Bengaluru resulted in six passengers missing their flight to Kochi, said Amit Kumar, an engineer. "We were taken to the lounge with instructions that we could sit but not sleep. A woman in her sixties on a wheelchair travelling alone suffered a lot and we were trying to help her," he said. They were all put on a 5 am flight to Kochi.

The Air Asia India representative could not be reached despite multiple calls and messages.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

14TH August : Today's lively Moon could bring all sorts of erratic and unpredictable behaviour. My colleagues in the medical world tell me that accident and emergency departments are likely to be full of people who didn't look where they were going. The message? It's time to be much more careful!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
The overwhelming trend of today's stars is pleasurable, adventurous and entertaining. You may therefore turn your gaze away from life's little problems and find activities which will bring fun and lift your morale. You might even enjoy new developments at work.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
To talk in terms of figures, there is a ten-percent chance of a move of home, but a ninety-percent chance of some positive domestic upheaval of equivalent magnitude. In the meantime, today's stars have a distinctly prosperous gloss, so keep your eye open for profitable possibilities.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Careful judgment is required in all financial matters, but happily that seems to be just exactly what you'll have. There is much to be said for sharing your feelings with anyone who will listen, by the way, but you may have to pick your words with care.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Commonsense aplenty should be the result of Mercury's helpful location in your solar chart. Hopefully this will help you avoid a number of hidden personal pitfalls, and enable you to give other people the benefit of your advice. Will they listen? I hope so!

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Your planetary positions remain nine-tenths perfect. That remaining one tenth, though, does represent the potential for a very silly emotional confrontation which could cost you dear. I advise great caution now and over the coming weeks. After all, you don't want to offend anyone who has been good to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
So much now seems to be going on behind the scenes that you may wonder what it's all for. If only you could get away for a while, you would see that the current situation is really rather different from what you imagine. Still, perhaps it's good for you to receive a surprise.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
It really does look time for a short trip, or two. Someone is waiting to hear from you, so do get in touch and don't waste any more time. Workwise there is much to be said for taking an early break, refreshing your energy and recharging your over-stretched batteries.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Don't dwell on personal upsets, or even on any successes. Get straight on and deal with all those pressing personal issues, whether you're tackling recalcitrant relations, or reassuring a friend whose confidence has taken a knock. You'll lay down the law, but very gently.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
The world definitely seems to be going your way - a very fine indication that you can now call the shots. There does still seem to be a great deal of resentment around, but it would be a shame if it spoiled the atmosphere. See that everyone keeps smiling.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Secrecy is the order of the day. Just why you must keep something to yourself is your business, but other people will need a certain amount of reassurance. Monetary matters continue to look prosperous as long as you calculate the odds involved in any risk.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
What other people want to know is whether you are genuine about pursuing a particular ambition, or whether you will falter at the last hurdle, as you so often have done in the past. What they don't know is that Saturn, planet of hard work, is giving you the power to complete almost any task.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You are often too sensitive by half, but right now there seems to be a great deal to be gained from taking an emotional risk and disregarding the consequences. You have been a doormat for too long! Remember, if you are going to make sacrifices, make sure they're worthwhile.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

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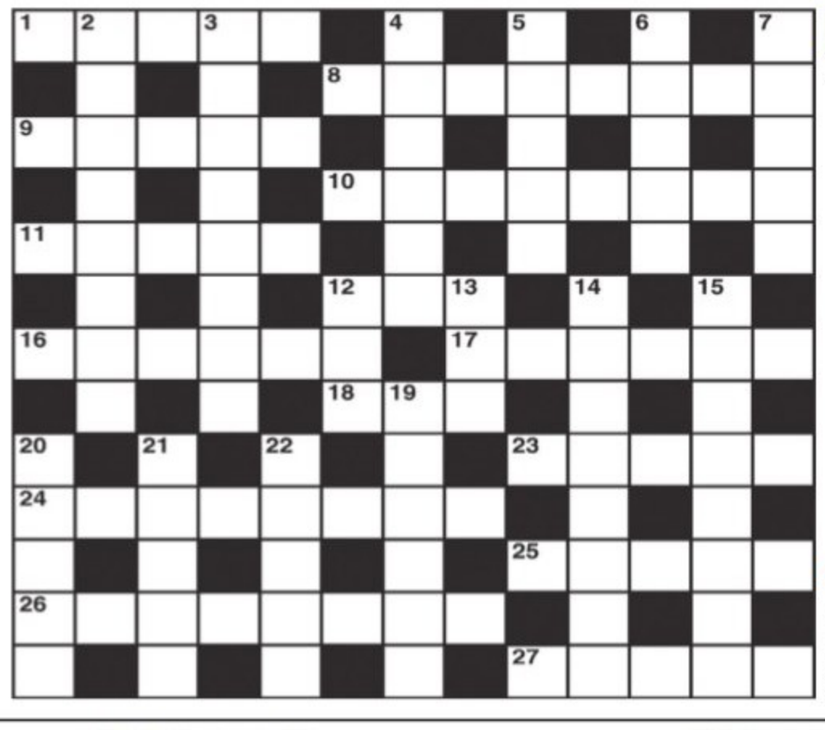
SU DO KU HARD

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Female undergarments; possibly bloomers (5)
8 It's presented to people after a party (8)
9 Fillet joint for the bishop (5)
10 Particularly the highest (5,3)
11 He may be wed in the end (5)
12 Round peg? (3)
16 Time when the hands come together (6)
17 Actually form a new association (6)
18 French born (3)
23 Appears to look at some writing (5)
24 A church member in general (8)
25 Pass out leaving very little impression (5)
26 Bother is found in small change perhaps (8)
27 Some overseas lines (5)

DOWN
2 Insisted upon or abandoned? (4,4)
3 Quietly object to a scrap (8)
4 Problem doesn't start with foreign currency (6)
5 Forgo a farewell gesture we hear (5)
6 The ultimate in sporting entertainment (5)
7 Use one line; or it may need two (5)
12 Catch up in time (3)
13 It's earlier either way (3)
14 Slash the price of flimsy material (8)
15 The basics of meteorology (8)
19 Girl included in first college show (6)
20 It's just a part of the act (5)
21 Saint and sinner in a newspaper cartoon (5)
22 Turning up to deposit gold sovereign (5)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Face-savers, 6 Epic, 10 Roman, 11 Ballerina, 12 Art class, 13 Talon, 15 Systole, 17 Plummet, 19 Olympia, 21 Speaker, 22 Rees, 24 Scabious, 27 Roast beef, 28 Lemur, 29 Eros, 30 Dependency.

Down: 1 Firm, 2 Camera-shy, 3 Sonic, 4 Vibrate, 5 Roll up, 7 Phial, 8 Chain store, 9 Rest cure, 14 Use of force, 16 Opposite, 18 Makeup man, 20 Austere, 21 Snaffle, 23 Erato, 25 Idled, 26 Prey.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

BTEAA

EESSN

ULMEMP

WIOSDN

So, do you think all my hard work will pay off?
I can't see how you could fail with this.
FOR ISAAC SINGER, GETTING INTO THE SEWING MACHINE BUSINESS ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

" " (Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: BERET VOICE SALMON DILUTE
Answer: Dracula went to his family reunion and was surrounded by his — BLOOD RELATIVES

Altius Hospital will conduct a free knee replacement surgery camp at Altius HBR Layout from 10 am to 5 pm on Tuesday. Individuals from financially poor background can register for the surgery by showing their Below Poverty Line or Yashaswini cards. Those interested may contact 97417 85329 for registration

DRUG SHORTAGE DUE TO RED TAPE

People forced to pay from their pockets

NAMRATA SINDWANI @ Bengaluru

THE drug shortage in state-run health institutions and backlash received by pharmaceutical companies for backlogs and delay in clearance of payments, was due to lack of coordination within the department, and also a fear of making decisions, Karnataka State Medical Supplies Corporation Limited (KSMSCL) Managing Director Chidananda S Vatare has said.

KSMSCL, the nodal agency for procurement of drugs, consumables and equipment for health institutions under the health department, has been infamous for prolonged pending payments and lack of transparency in work since its inception in 2020.

A recently released survey report by Sarvatrika Arogya Andolana Karnataka (SAAK) highlighted that multiple state-run health facilities were facing a shortage of free medicines, due to which people are now forced to buy medicines from their own pockets. The survey done across 11 districts in Karnataka in July, interviewed 598 people who had to buy medicines on their own, and who had spent Rs 2.58 lakh in total. On an average, each person spent Rs 433.

The annual tender for procuring drugs and medical equipment for 2023-24 was also to be completed in July, but is still not finished. "Measures were taken to supply 25 per cent quantity of the annual indent requirement of the year, through short-term tenders. Also, 85 essential drugs were supplied to all warehouses," Vatare said. The purchase order for 500 drugs of the total 733 drugs, is expected to be issued by August-end. The remaining 233 drugs are targeted to be completed by September.

> **Measures were taken to supply 25 per cent quantity of the annual indent requirement of the year, through short-term tenders**
>
> Chidananda S Vatare, KSMSCL MD

On the cause of delay in making payments and other discrepancies within the department, Vatare said there was a lack of coordination between different departments, and that officials feared to take decisions, to avoid accountability.

Within a month of taking charge in July 2023, he cleared bills worth Rs 92 crore. Admitting that many bills continue to remain pending and efforts are being made to clear them, Vatare said, "I am hoping to clear 100-150 bills next month." The earnest money deposit (EMD) amounts in 3,514 cases of the total 4,229 pending cases was also returned. This included both drug and equipment procurement.

Post pandemic, rise in neck, spine issues

NAMRATA SINDWANI @ Bengaluru

SITTING in one position for a long duration while working in front of computer screens has led to more people complaining about neck and spine-related issues, and seeking medical help too.

Dr Niranjan Gowda MR, director, Sanjay Gandhi Institute of Trauma and Orthopaedics in Bengaluru, has seen a significant jump in such patient numbers. "Since the pandemic, we have seen a 10-15 per cent increase in people seeking medical help for back and spine-related issues. Most of the patients are working professionals complaining about mild to chronic pain," he said.

Work-related spine issues have become very prevalent now, with people complaining about discomfort in shoulder joints, neck and spine. Dr Gowda said patients experience a constant, nagging pain that causes inconvenience on a daily basis. Despite taking measures to treat it, patients return to hospital, complaining of recurring pain.

According to statistics shared by the institute, 64,851 patients were treated for bone and joint problems in 2022, and 4,051 major and 7,100 minor operations were done with a death rate of less than 1%. Dr Harish Puranik, senior consultant (orthopaedics), Fortis Hospital, said approximately 20-30 per cent of total patients visiting the orthopaedics department complain of back and spine-related issues. Though India does not have the exact statistics, predominantly it is working people in the 22-45 age group who are worst affected, the doctor said, leading to absenteeism at work in 40% of the cases.

Other than posture, general decrease in physical activity among people is another major issue leading to back and spine issues. To avoid them, Dr Puranik advised people to make a conscious effort to sit with the screen at the eye level, and rest elbows on the table and not leave them hanging. Further, they should ensure that their hips and knees are aligned when they are seated and are not too high or too low.

MEN OF THE MASSES

Former Indian cricketer VVS Laxman distributes walking sticks to the elderly at T Begur village, off Tumakuru Road, on Sunday. The event was organised to mark the golden jubilee of free Sunday medical camps being run by well-known cardiologist and physician Dr B Ramana Rao (left). Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara was also present | EXPRESS

EXPRESS READ

After hubby's death, woman ends life with son

Unable to come to terms with the death of her husband, a woman jumped into a lake along with her seven-year-old son on Saturday. The incident took place in Sakalavara village near Bannerghatta. Vijayalakshmi (39) and Hariharan, from Andhra Pradesh, were residents of CK Palya in Bannerghatta."Lakshmi lost her husband Ganesh two years ago in a road accident, and was suffering from depression and mental illness ever since her husband's death," police said. Lakshmi was not working and was under medical treatment. She had made attempts to die by suicide earlier too. On Saturday, she took the extreme step by jumping into the lake with her son tied to her waist. Bannerghatta police registered a case. ENS

Two youth killed in road accident

A joy ride to Nandi Hills ended in a tragic accident as two youths were killed when their car crashed into a road median in Yelahanka traffic police station limits. The deceased have been identified as Kartik Jain and Adarsh, both aged 21 years, and were engineering graduates. They were accompanied by three other friends who sustained minor injuries. Jain and Adarsh were residents of Mathikere. Police said five friends headed towards Nandi Hills in a car early on Sunday. However, they changed their plan midway and were returning. While driving back, the car crashed into a road divider at Palanahalli Gate on Ballari Road around 2.30 am. ENS

KSRTC buses to have panic buttons

ENS @ Bengaluru

TO ensure the safety of the women passengers, Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) buses will be installed with panic buttons and GPS tracking devices. Once the panic button is pressed, KSRTC's centralized control room will be alerted, who will then track its GPS location and alert the nearby police station to jump into action.

In the recent cabinet meeting, an amount of Rs 30.74 crore was approved for the installation of the panic buttons and real-time vehicle tracking systems. The cost also includes setting up of a centralized controlled room from where the tracking will happen, a top official said. "Sitting at the control room, we can know the location of the bus, the speed at which the bus is going" the official explained.

Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy said to TNIE, "All the 8,000 KSRTC buses, premium and non-premium will have these panic buttons and will be installed with GPS facility. This project will be executed with two-thirds share from the union government and one-third from the state government. A centralized control room will be set up in Bengaluru, which will be alerted once any passenger presses the panic button."

IN THE COURT OF THE 11 ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE J.M.F.C AT DEVANAHALLI
CRL.Misc.No.274/2023
Between:Smt Rathnamma and others ...Petitioners
And:The Tahsildar, Devanahalli Taluk ...Respondent
PUBLIC NOTICE
I the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients Sri Krishnappa S/o Late.Munishamappa, aged about 48 years, R/at:-Doddasagarahalli village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and another, have filed the above petition for the death certificate of one Late.Akkaiamma W/o Late Munishamappa who died on 17.03.2007 at Doddasagarahalli village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Hon'ble II Additional Civil Judge and JMFC at Devanahalli and the date of hearing on **14/9/2023 at 11.00 A.M. in Crl. Mis No. 274/2023.**
Thanking You
By Order of the Court
Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Address for service:-
Sri. P. Marappa Advocate
Office at:- #14/4,13th Cross, Cubbonpet, Bengaluru-560002

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CRL.Misc. No.275/2023
Between:Smt. Rathnamma and others ...Petitioners
And:-The Tahsildar, Devanahalli Taluk ...Respondent
PUBLIC NOTICE
I the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients Sri.Krishnappa S/o Late.Munishamappa, aged about 48 years, R/at:- Doddasagarahalli village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and another, have filed the above petition for the death certificate of one Late.Munishamappa S/o Late.Papaiah who died on 16.07.2009 at Doddasagarahalli village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. If any parties, who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Hon'ble II Additional Civil Judge and JMFC at Devanahalli and the date of hearing on **14/9/2023 at 11.00 A.M. in Crl. Mis No.275/2023.**
Thanking You
By Order of the Court
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Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Address for service:-
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RO No. 752 Date: 12.08.2023
CORRIGENDUM & Time Extension Notice – II
In reference to Tender No. "4e/EE(G)/CPH/2023-24 for "SITC of 220 KV XLPE Armoured Power Cable with all accessories including dismantling of the existing 220 KV Oil Filled Cable at 4X60 MW Chibro Power House, In section-1 "Instructions to tenderers and eligibility" Clause 3 e(i) Definition of "Similar work" shall be read as:
"Having experience in supply, installation, testing and commissioning of 220 KV XLPE cable at least 3 km in any of the HT substation/ powerhouse/Transmission lines under PSUs/CPSUs/Govt. organizations. At least one cable laying work/supply should have been commissioned/supplied one years prior to bid submission date. The Bidder/Supplier shall be either Indian original equipment manufacturer or authorised by Indian OEM".
and submission date is hereby extended as follows: -
Last date of submission of bid in the portal: 17-08-2023 up to 17:00
Last date of submission of hard copy: 18-08-2023 up to 15:00 Hrs.
Date of opening of the bid Part-I on website: 21-08-2023 at 11:00 Hrs
All other condition shall be same as previous. Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal "http://uktenders.gov.in" EE(G),Chibro
"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

FORM NO. NCLT. 3A
Advertisement detailing petition [see rule 35]
SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT (DEMERGER) AMONG VELMURUGAN HEAVY ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES PRIVATE LIMITED
TO **VELMURUGAN INDUSTRIES PRIVATE LIMITED**
AND THEIR RESPECTIVE SHAREHOLDERS AND CREDITORS UNDER SECTIONS 230 TO 232 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013 AND OTHER APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE COMPANIES ACT 2013
CP (CAA) /33 (CHE) / 2023

NOTICE OF PETITION

Joined Company Petition /Application/ Reference under Sec 230 to 232 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Companies (Compromises, Arrangements and Amalgamations) Rules, 2016, which is second motion petition filed for sanction of Scheme of Arrangement (Demerger) among **Velmurugan Heavy Engineering Industries Private Limited to Velmurugan Industries Private Limited**, the said petition is fixed for hearing before the Chennai Bench of National Company Law Tribunal on **13/09/2023 (Next date of hearing)**. Any person desirous of supporting or opposing the said petition should send to the petitioner's advocate, notice of his intention, signed by him or his advocate, with his name and address, so as to reach the petitioner's advocate not later than two days before the date fixed for the hearing of the petition/ application/ reference. Where he seeks to oppose the petition/ application/ reference, the grounds of opposition or a copy of his affidavit shall be furnished with such notice. A copy of the petition/ application/ reference will be furnished by the undersigned to any person requiring the same on payment of the prescribed charges for the same.

Date : 11/08/2023 -sd/-
Place : Tiruchirapalli **Ganesh V Aranala**
Advocate for petitioners
M20-21, Singapore Plaza,
No.164, Linghi Chetty Street, Chennai - 600 001

PUBLIC NOTICE
General Public is informed that, **Sri Narasimha Acharya N S/o Late Sri N A P Acharya,** has lost original property document i.e., original Sale Deed dated 29.11.1989 Document no. 3183/89-90 Volume 1296 pages 39-44, Book no.1 SRO – Srirampura and original Gift Deed dated 05.08.2005 document no.SRI-1-02106/2005-06 CD No. SRID40 Book no.1 SRO – Srirampura, pertaining to house property No. 138/B, situated at 9th Cross 4th Main bapujinagar, Bangalore -560 026, Measuring East to West: 25 feet and North to South: 40. A Complaint is lodged in Crime Branch Bangalore City Police on dated 12.08.2023 Los report no. 0682399/2023 Finders may return the same to the above said Police Station or contact at the below address **within 07 days** from this publication.
Mr. Prashanth.Kumar.K . BA LLB
"LEX FACTUM",
Advocates and Legal Consultants,
No.365, First Floor, 57th C Cross,
Near Bhashyam Circle, Rajajinagar 3rd Block,
Bangalore-560 010

PUBLIC NOTICE
The public are hereby notified that my client Mis. Soma Mitra in contemplating to purchase Land bearing No. 122, Apartment bearing 1401, 1st Block, 4th Floor, Gowri Apartment, measuring 1250 Square feet, two bed rooms, Situated at RMV Extension II Stage, corporation Ward No.04, Bangalore-560054, more fully described in the schedule hereunder from present Vendor, Mis. Uma Reddy Pailla, I, lost the original gift deed dated 15/04/2006 bearing document No.200/2006-07 registered at Ganganagar Sub registrar at Bangalore, and present person take paper publication for any person objecting to such purchase or claiming any right, title or interest, court-attachment, COLLATERAL SECURITY/SURETY, over the schedule property, may lodge their objections and claims with the undersigned in writing with documentary proof within 10 days from the date of publication of this public notice. Failing to do so, within the stipulated time, it shall be construed that there are no claims or objections in/over the schedule property and my client shall proceed to conclude the purchase.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of Land bearing No.122, Apartment bearing 1401, 1st Block, 4th Floor, Gowri Apartment, measuring 1250 Square feet, two bed rooms Situated at RMV Extension II Stage, Corporation Ward No.04, Bangalore-560054, and being bounded on the:
East by : Pt. Property / New BEL Road, **West by :** Block II, **North by :** Park, **South by :** Private Property.
Address of Advocate : **Surendra Y.S,** Advocate # 1/1, 2nd Floor, 1st Main Road, Near Vayalikaval Police Station, Bangalore-560003. Mob: 9008001878 / 080-23344275
Date : 13.08.2023

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
CMG, SDSC - SHAR SRIHARIKOTA - 524124
Brief E-TENDER NOTICE / CORRIGENDUM-A
SHAR:CMG:CIVIL:MAINT:E-PT-08(A)/23-24 Dt:11.08.2023
"Term Contract for Civil works @ Zero Point & FLP areas, SDSC SHAR" (T/C-23-025, Est. cost ₹100.00 Lakhs); **"Providing 150mm dia DI water supply line @ PHC II"** (T/C-23-026, Est. cost ₹18.79 Lakhs); **"Term contract for Anti termite @ SHAR & Chennai GH for One Year - (2023-24)"** (T/C-23-029, Est. cost ₹5.07 Lakhs). **Sale period extended up to 23.08.2023**. Interested tenderers may visit www.isro.gov.in or www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO for details.
Sd/- GROUP HEAD, CMG/SDSC SHAR

FORM NO.14 [See Regulation 33 (2)]
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II-BENGALURU
BSNL Building , 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560001
DRC NO: 243/17
The Karnataka Bank Ltd., Nelamangala, Lakshmi Complex, B.H. Road, Bangaluru Rural District. ...Certificate Holder
Versus
SRI M.K. KRISHNAMURTHY & ANR ...Defendants
DEMAND NOTICE
To
1. Sri M.K. Krishnamurthy, S/o Mr. Kempaiah Maruru, No. 233, Narasandra Post, Kundur Hobli, Magadi Taluk, Ramaranagar District.
2. Sri Prakash, S/o Sri Dase Gowda, No.49, Kadur Hobli, Soorappanahalli, Narasandra Post, Magadi Taluk. ...Defendants
In View of the Recovery Certificate issued in **OA No. 2471/2014** passed by the Presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore an amount of **Rs. 12,16,585 (Rupees Twelve lakhs sixteen thousand five hundred eighty five Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from the date of filing of O.A. till realization of the Recovery Certificate.
In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay All charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.
You are hereby called upon to deposit the amount within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **11th day of December 2017.**
Sd/- RECOVERY OFFICER-I,
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL- II, BENGALURU
Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below: **"Rule 16(1)** where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. 2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment". 3) You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 year.

Public Notice For E-Auction Cum Sale (Appendix - IV A) (Rule 8(6))
Sale of Immovable property mortgaged to IIFL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IIFL-HFL) Corporate Office at Plot No.98,Udyog Vihar, Phase-IV,Gurgaon-122015,(Haryana) and **Branch Office at:- " ADAM CHAMBERS," #11, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560025** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter "Act"). Whereas the Auhorized Officer ("AO") of IIFL-HFL had taken the possession of the following property/ies pursuant to the notice issued U/S 13(2) of the Act in the following loan accounts/prospect nos. with a right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS & AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for realization of IIFL-HFL's dues, The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website: www.bankeauctions.com.

Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property/ Secured Asset	Date of Physical Possession	Reserve Price
1. Mr. Biju Jose 2.Mrs.Mary Jose 3. Mrs. Krupa Mathew (Prospect No 759483 and IL10007113)	06-Oct-2021 Rs.36,48,623/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lakh Forty Eight Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Three Only)	All that part and parcel of the property bearing G12 on Ground Floor Subha Omkara Gollahalli Village, E City Site No 11 Sy No 231, Anekal Taluka Bangalore Bangalore Rural, Karnataka,India (Super built up area admeasuring 965 sq. ft.)	08-Feb-2023	Rs. 30,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Lakh Only)
	Bid Increase Amount Rs.40,000/- (Rupees Forty Thousand Only)		Total Outstanding as On Date 02-Aug-2023 Rs. 40,70,526/- (Rupees Forty Lakh Seventy Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Six Only)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh Only)

Date of Inspection of property	EMD Last Date	Date/ Time of E-Auction
23-Aug-2023 1100 hrs -1400 hrs.	25-Aug-2023 till 5 pm.	28-Aug-2023 1100 hrs-1300 hrs.

Mode Of Payment :- EMD payments are to be made vide online mode only. To make payments you have to visit https://www.bankeauctions.com and pay through link available for the property/ Secured Asset only.
Note: Payment link for each property/ Secured Asset is different. Ensure you are using link of the property/ Secured Asset you intend to buy vide public auction.
For balance payment, upon successful bid, has to pay through RTGS/NEFT. The accounts details are as follows: a) Name of the Account:- IIFL Home Finance Ltd., b) Name of the Bank:- Standard Chartered Bank, c) Account No:-9902879xxxxx followed by Prospect Number, d) IFSC Code:-SCBL0036001, e) Bank Address: Standard Chartered Bank, 90 M.G. Road, Fort, Mumbai-400001.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:-
1. For participating in e-auction, Intending bidders required to register their details with the Service Provider **https://www.bankeauctions.com**, well in advance and has to create the login account, login ID and password. Intending bidders have to submit / send their "Tender FORM" along with the payment details towards EMD, copy of the KYC and PAN card at the above mentioned Branch Office.
2. The bidders shall improve their offer in multiple of amount mentioned under the column "Bid Increase Amount". In case bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes.
3. The successful bidder should deposit 25% of the bid amount (after adjusting EMD) within 24 hours of the acceptance of bid price by the AO and the balance 75% of the bid amount within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. All deposit and payment shall be in the prescribed mode of payment.
4. The purchaser has to bear the cess, applicable stamp duty, fees, and any other statutory dues or other dues like municipal tax, electricity charges, land and all other incidental costs, charges including all taxes and rates outgoings relating to the property.
5. Bidders are advised to go through the website https: //bankeauctions.com and https://www.iifl.com/home-loans/properties-for-auction for detailed terms and conditions of auction sale & auction application form before submitting their Bids for taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.
6. **For details, help procedure and online training on e-auction prospective bidders may contact the service provider E mail ID:- support@bankeauctions.com, Support Helpline Numbers:@7291981124/25/26.**
7. **For any query related to Property details, Inspection of Property and Online bid etc. call IIFL HFL toll free no. 1800 2672 499 from 09:30 hrs to 18:00 hrs between Monday to Friday or write to email:- auction.hl@iifl.com**
8. Notice is hereby given to above said borrowers to collect the household articles, which were lying in the secured asset at the time of taking physical possession within 7 days, otherwise IIFL-HFL shall not be responsible for any loss of property under the circumstances.
9. Further the notice is hereby given to the Borrower/s, that in case they fail to collect the above said articles same shall be sold in accordance with Law.
10. In case of default in payment at any stage by the successful bidder / auction purchaser within the above stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the amount already paid will be forfeited (including EMD) and the property will be again put to sale.
11. AO reserves the rights to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and condition of tender/auction without assigning any reason thereof. In case of any dispute in tender/Auction, the decision of AO of IIFL-HFL will be final.

15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER THE RULE 9 SUB RULE (1) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002
The Borrower are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with upto dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of Tender/Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.
Place:- Bangalore, Date: 14-Aug-2023 Sd/- Authorised Officer, IIFL Home Finance Limited.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
[SUBSTITUTED SERVICE OF NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION VIDE COURT ORDER DATED: 01/08/2023]
CMP No. 160/2021
[VIDEO CONFERENCING]
PETITIONER/S: NTN TRADING ING -Vs-. **RESPONDENT/s:** M/S.MAKVIZ ONLINE SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED.
TO, RESPONDENT: M/S. MAKVIZ ONLINE SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED. REGISTERED OFFICE AT NO. 134/4, FIRST FLOOR, 2ND STAGE, INDUSTRIAL SUBURB, 3RD CROSS, 6TH MAIN, YESWANTHPUR, NEAR TO ESI HOSPITAL BANGALORE-560202.
AND ALSO HAVING OFFICE AT
NO. 208/J, 2ND FLOOR, 1ST STAGE, 2ND BLOCK, HBR LAYOUT, BANGALORE-560043. REP. BY AUTHORISED SIGNATORY MR. VASEEM SAYEED. ...**RESPONDENT/S**
Whereas the above named Petitioner has filed a CMP on this Court Under Section 11(5) and 6 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, as in the copy annexed hereunto.
Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this Court in person or through an Advocate duly instructed or through some one authorized by law to act for you, in this matter on **07/09/2023 AT 10:30 A.M** in case you intend to contest the Petition. If you fail to appear, the petition will be dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.
GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the Court, this the 01st Day of August 2023.
BY ORDER OF THE COURT
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions (R)
Sarada Vilas College Road, Krishnamurthypuram, Mysuru- 04
Ph.No. 0821-2332163/94492 93163

FACULTY RECRUITMENT

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the post of **Professor** on contractual basis for **Law College.**

Eligibility criteria - Candidate should

- be an eminent scholar with a PhD degree having at least 10 years of teaching experience in a reputed university/college.
- have actively engaged in research activity of high quality with evidence of published material having at least 10 publications as books/research papers /policy papers.
- have experience in carrying out research work at the university as well as national level institutions, including experience in guiding students for research at the doctoral level.

The applications with latest C.V. should reach the Central Office **on or before 23-08-2023** by email: sveimysore@yahoo.com

Management, SVEI

SUNDARAM HOME
Regd Office: No. 21, Patullos Road, Chennai - 600 002.
Corporate Office: Sundaram Towers, No. 46, Whites Road, Chennai-600014. Ph: 044-2851 5267
Branch Office: Old No. 1947, New No. 19, 2nd Floor, 9th Block, 28th Main, South, D' Main Road, Jayanagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560069.

SALE NOTICE

Whereas the Authorized Officer of **Sundaram Home Finance Limited,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Section 13(2), issued a demand notice dated **01-09-2020** calling upon the Borrower and Co-Borrorwers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower and Co-Borrowers having failed to repay the amount within the statutory period, the Authorised Officer in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act in accordance with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, had taken the possession of the property described herein below.

Public are hereby informed that the property more fully described in the table hereunder will be sold under Rule 8 & 9 of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 in **"AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS" CONDITION,** by inviting sealed Bids from the public up to 16:00 hrs on **28/09/2023**. Those who want to participate in the auction sale can forward their bids only by RPAD Delivery in sealed covers superscribed as Offer for Sale of Assets A/c. **Mr. Munawar Mohammed** to the undersigned on or before 16:00 Hrs. on **28/09/2023**. Bids received after 16:00 Hrs. on **28/09/2023** and thereafter will be rejected. The sealed Bids received by RPAD Delivery up to 16:00 Hrs. on **28/09/2023** will be opened on **28/09/2023** at 16:30 hrs. at the place mentioned hereunder. The successful bidder has to pay the balance amount within 15 days from the date of receipt of Sale confirmation. The sale shall be completed only on deposit of the Balance amount as stated above.

Name and Address of the Borrower & Co-Borrower	Secured Debt (Rs.)	Reserve Price fixed for the Secured Property	Place for Title Verification
Mr. Munawar Mohammed (Borrower), Et-114, Ittina Neela, Huskar Gate, Anantha Nagar Post Electronic City II Phase, Electronic City Bangalore - 560100. **Mr. Munawar Mohammed (Employer)** Accenture Services (Private), Limitedrmz- Futura II, No.148/1, Bilekahalli Village Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-560076. **Mr. Munawar Mohammed (Property - 1)** Sy. No. 5/3, 46,47,48, Andhapura Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluq, Anekal, Bangalore-560034. **Mrs. Mary Rachel Michael (Co-Borrower),** 308, 2nd Cross, Gundappa Gowda Road, Vivekanagar Post, Ejipura, Bangalore - 560047. **Mrs. Mary Rachel Michael (Employer),** Ralco Synergy Pvt. Ltd. N-602, Manipal Centre 47, Bangalore-560042.	**Rs. 11,60,508/-** (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Sixty Thousand Five Hundred and Eight Only) as on 14.08.2023 Including Future Interest + Statutory Expenditure + Legal Expenses + Incidental Charges.	**Rs. 10,000,00/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Only)** **Earnest Money Deposit** 25% of the Bid Amount	**M/s. Sundaram Home Finance Limited,** Old No. 1947, New No. 19, 2nd Floor, 9th Block, 28th Main, South, D' Main Road, Jayanagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560069 **Place for Opening of Bid** **M/s. Sundaram Home Finance Limited,** No. 23, 2nd Floor, Cathedral Garden Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai – 600 034. **Date and Time of opening the Bid** **28-09-2023 @ 16:30 Hrs**

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: SCHEDULE: SCHEDULE - A: All that piece and parcel of the properties bearing (1) Sy. No.5/3, measuring 2 Acres 27 Guntas of Land (2) Sy. No.46, measuring 2 Acres of Land (3) Sy. No.47, measuring 2 Acres of Land and (4) Sy. No.48, measuring 2 Acres of Land, totally measuring 8 Acres 27 Guntas of Land excluding Kharab, situated at Andhapura Village, Aittibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, converted for non-agricultural residential purpose through the conversion Order bearing No. BDS/ALN/SR(A)66/2001-02, dated 26.02.2003 and **bounded on:** East by: Property bearing Sy. Nos.46 & 5/4, West by: Property bearing Sy. Nos.49 & 5/1, North by: Property bearing Sy. Nos.5/2, 5/4 & 5/5, South by: Property bearing Sy. No.45.

SCHEDULE - B: All that residential apartment bearing No. ET114 in Third Floor in Block 'E' of "ITTINA NEELA" built in Schedule 'A' property and measuring 710 square feet of super built up area inclusive of proportionate share in common areas, passages, lobbies, staircase and other areas together with 213 square feet undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in the land comprised in the Schedule 'A' Property, including one open car parking and in the said apartment the doors are made of flush doors and steel windows and mosaic flooring.

Note: The Intending Purchasers are requested to verify the Title documents, inspect the property, and participate In the Auction after satisfying about the Title, Nature and condition of the property. The intending purchasers need to note that this Sale Notice is issued by the Company with the knowledge of few Third Party attachments, subsequent to the mortgage. Refund will not be given after Sale Confirmation, in case If there arises any dispute regarding the Title or Nature of the property.

For detailed terms and conditions of the Sale of Property of MUNAWAR MOHAMMED Loan Account No. 80004177, please refer to www.sundaramhome.in/uploads/files/sale_notice/ 80004177.pdf

Contact Person: Mr. Kuttappa S M – 97415 50450

Date: 14-08-2023 for SUNDARAM HOME FINANCE LTD., AUTHORISED OFFICER

The BJP will take out silent processions on the evening of August 14. Party workers will also collect soil from 6 lakh panchayats and 7,500 historical places in the state which will be sent to New Delhi for the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav park

SAFETY MATTERS

Women's safety is paramount and we have taken all necessary steps to ensure it. We have reduced emergency response time and women in distress can connect with us within 15 seconds by dialling 112, and Hoysala staff reach the spot within 9 minutes. There are 232 Hoysala vehicles that patrol round the clock, with special emphasis to prevent crimes against women, and 4,000 security cameras have been installed under the Safe City project. Women's safety islands are set up at 30 locations and 20 more will be introduced soon, there arealso 80 women's outposts. To make police stations women-friendly, helpdesks have been set up at all police stations where women staff attend to complaints of women. Also, counselling services are provided by Vanita Sahayavani.

— SD Sharanappa, Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime), Bengaluru City

We often burden women by asking what they do to protect themselves, but women's safety is no longer women's responsibility. It's the fundamental right that the Constitution guarantees women, but more often than not, it's expected from us to limit our needs and habits to remain safe, while men enjoy their liberty beyond what the Constitution guarantees. We need to find the root cause of this problem. Laws must be amended in a way we can seek justice and live our lives, without rushing home and being worried about our attire. Women's safety is all about equal treatment that our state, communities and functionaries provide us with

— Brinda Adige, Human rights activist

CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN

IN BENGALURU There is a 30% increase in cases against women, compared to other crimes registered in 2022

Crimes against women include POCSO, dowry harassment, molestation and rape

153 cases of rape registered last year, of which 149 were committed by those known to the victim, like relatives, or those who falsely promised marriage, live-in relationship partners and those who were courting

112 rape cases were reported in 2020, 116 reported in 2021

444 cases registered under POCSO Act, 286 cases registered in 2020, 399 cases in 2021

DANGER AT EVERY STEP

Women and girls are constantly at risk, be it on the streets, in schools or even at home. What ails our society, that targets women and snatches away their freedoms?

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

A 32-year-old, six-month pregnant nurse was physically assaulted, solicited and sexually harassed by a cab driver, said to be inebriated, near Electronics City last month. The woman was returning home when the accused approached her, seeking sexual favours and offering Rs 1 lakh to spend time with him. She later registered a police complaint, and the accused, identified as Avinash, was arrested.

In another incident, a 28-year-old dance teacher allegedly raped and blackmailed his ex-girlfriend, a minor. He took videos of his depraved act and blackmailed her into having sex with his two friends for monetary benefits.

The principal of a school allegedly sexually assaulted a Class 2 girl student, and was arrested after her parents lodged a police complaint. Last month, a 14-year-old girl was gangraped by five men on multiple occasions in Vitla, in Dashina Kannada district.

Going by the number and nature of incidents, it seems no place is safe for a girl child or woman. Stripping women and parading them naked to send a message of their community's one-upmanship in conflict-torn Manipur is a glaring example of toxic masculinity, as is the paedophile in the garb of principal or the dance teacher or cab driver.

For any government, safety of women and children is top priority, and Karnataka is no exception, yet cases of violence – domestic, sexual, fatal and life-altering -- happen periodically. Police come into action after the incident is reported, so can we blame the police alone in failing to safeguard women? Do we need police to ensure girls and women are safe inside their homes, in schools and on roads?

Experts and citizens say the law enforcement structure alone is not enough to protect women from violence. "If in a cosmopolitan city like Bengaluru, a woman cannot walk safely alone without the fear of being accosted and harassed, what must be the situation in Tier-2 and 3 cities and villages?" asked a well-known person who didn't wish to be named.

NCRB DATA

As India celebrates her 76th Independence Day, experts point out recent incidents of violence against women in Manipur, Hyderabad, Rajasthan and Hathras. The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) report of 2021 recorded 14,468 cases against women during the year, including cases filed under the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and Special Local Laws. In 2020, 12,680 cases were reported, and in 2019, 11,462 cases were reported.

Last year, Bengaluru police reported a 30 per cent increase in cases of violence against women, as compared to other crimes registered in the city. "The country talks about achieving a trillion-dollar economy and Karnataka is one of the most progressive states, but there are huge gaps when it comes to women's safety. A lot needs to be done to address the issue," said a women's rights activist.

BIG PICTURE

She also pointed out the daily incidents of street harassment which are not reported. "There are cases of harassment inside parks, on streets, near bus stands etc. But how many incidents are reported? They have become a routine affair. Girls and women take it in their stride," she added.

Whether public places or schools, the danger of being violated remains. "Schools are a second home to children. Parents send their wards to school with the trust and confidence that their child is safe. But how safe are they with the school bus driver or conductor misbehaving, touching the child inappropriately, teachers or principal sexually misbehaving with them? School counsellors are flooded with concerns from parents, who fear for their child's safety," said an activist.

Recollecting the Udupi court verdict where a 45-year-old karate instructor was sentenced to 10 years rigorous imprisonment for sexually assaulting a 12-year-old girl student during a karate class, senior police officials from Udupi said it is important to educate children about their vulnerability to such assaults by people known to them, and how they can protect themselves. "Teaching life skills to children is a must. Most parents miss out this crucial learning," she added.

SOCIAL MEDIA AND CRIME

Sub-inspector Achamma from Madikeri said they would often get cases where husbands abuse their wives physically and mentally. There have been several instances where women file cases against husbands for stealing their jewellery and then abandoning them. Several uneducated tribal women in Madikeri are also falling prey to rape by their alleged lovers, and the cases end up in police stations. Many tribal girls below the age of 18 get pregnant.

A senior police officer from Dharwad said in the recent past, more crimes are surfacing in educated families and in cities, compared to rural areas. "Accessibility and awareness among women in cities is one of the reasons for higher registration of cases, compared to rural areas," he said.

Police officials also caution against the increasing misuse of social media and technology, where women are trolled and victimised. "Around three months ago, some unknown people had uploaded morphed derogatory images of girl students on a social media platform, and police are still investigating," said a police officer from Dharwad. "Excessive use of mobile phones and social media platforms, sharing personal details and images with others leads to such troubles."

Residents of Kalaburagi recollect a recent incident in Savalagi Gram Panchayat, Sindagi village, where some people tried to kidnap a woman GP member to force her to vote in favour of a candidate for the GP president's post. "They threatened her, saying they were from the police department. She was assaulted with a knife, but was rescued by one of the villagers," said a cop.

Basavaraj I, former DSP, Kalaburagi, said crimes against women could be prevented only when there was awareness and women were trained in self-defence.

Women activists working with the police point out that while cases of acid attack have come down, domestic violence is on the rise, especially in middle and lower income groups. "The reason for this is finance and alcohol. Today's generation seeks instant gratification, and marriage is a casualty. There is violence even during small arguments," said an activist.

Legal experts say the situation can be improved if everyone gets together -- law enforcement wing, judiciary, activists, and most importantly, society. "Some solutions suggested recently by politicians to beat up those trying to outrage women's modesty, are not feasible. Cases should be immediately reported to the police who should also act fast," they say.

With the Central government working on new bills to replace the IPC, Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) and the Evidence Act, there is hope for course correction.

Some of the much-needed steps to contain violence against women in the proposed bills include awarding maximum punishment for crimes against women, with provision of death sentence for raping a minor; 20 years imprisonment for gangrape, 10 years imprisonment for concealing identity to marry women or having sexual relationships under false promise of marriage, promotion or employment; video recording the statement of a sexual assault survivor.

Women need to feel safe in using government apparatus for their safety. In Gadag, cases against women have seen a decline due to increased vigilance. "Women's helpline 'Gelati', meaning female friend, is a big hit," said an officer.

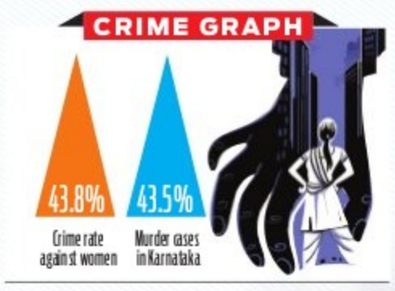
(Inputs by Prajna GR/ Madikeri, Mallikarjun Hiremath/ Dharwad, Prakash Samaga/ Udupi, Ramakrishna Badsheshi/ Kalaburgi, Raghu Koppar/ Gadag, Chetan MG & Praveen Kumar/ Bengaluru)

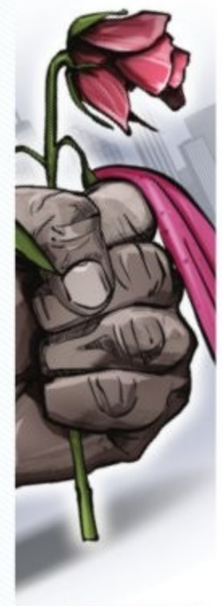
OTHER DISTRICTS

DHARWAD 92 cases registered in 2022 in Women police stations

UDUPI Seven rape cases reported in 2023 so far, 19 cases of harassment by husband's relatives were reported in the same period. Six dowry harassment and 25 sexual assault cases registered under POCSO Act, besides nine other cases

KALABURAGI 105 crimes reported in 2023, of which 80 are under investigation. Of 105 crimes, 42 were related to use of criminal force intending to outrage women's modesty, 32 were related to cruelty, 4 cases of rape, 7 cases of attempt to murder, and 5 cases of murder have been reported in the past 8 months





RAPE CASES

By relative/ guardian/ someone in position of trust: 17

Against women incapable of giving consent: 02

By person in control/ dominance over women: 01

Repeated rape on same women: 51

Gang rape: 12

Total: 100

(other than custodial)

Seers' meet warns govt against repealing Acts

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

While BJP is ever critical of Congress, alleging that the latter is appeasing the minorities, the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) has started a counter on the ground. It has been uniting Hindu religious heads, including seers from the Veerashaiva-Lingayat community, to pressurise the Congress government against repealing the anti-cow slaughter Act and over other key religious issues.

After a series of meetings of seers in different parts of the state, a large samavesha was held here on Sunday, where a resolution was passed, urging the state government not to repeal anti-conversion and anti-cow slaughter Acts. "The Congress government should not weaken the Acts, but should take steps to stop 'love jihad'. If it fails, we will lay siege to Vidhana Soudha," warned national leader of the Hindu Saints' Association Paramathmaji Maharaj.

The 'sant Samavesh' was held at Sri Ramanuja Sanskriti Bhavan at Malleswaram under the chairmanship of 41st Pithadhipathi of Melkote Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Narayana Ramanuja Jeeyar Swamiji. It was attended by over 15 saints. The Samavesha also discussed remedial measures to problems being faced by Hindus in the state and protection of Hindu religion, culture and tradition. A similar meeting was held in Tumakuru on Saturday with prominent Veerashaiva-Lingayat community religious heads taking part under the chairmanship of Atavi Mutt head.

CM calls for revisiting central drought parameters

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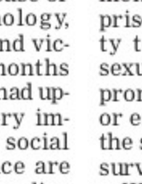
KARNATAKA Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has written to Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar seeking reevaluation of existing parameters in the central manual for declaration of drought to address the current climatic challenges.

In a letter, the CM drew the Union minister's attention to the delay and insufficient monsoon that have spelt disaster in many taluks and districts, especially in the eastern parts of the state.

"The Manual for Drought Management-2016 was updated in 2020 setting the parameters for declaration of drought by state governments. I firmly believe that it is crucial to re-evaluate the parameters to accurately respond to the dire situation arising due to erratic weather conditions propelled by climate change and its adverse impact on our farmers and the agricultural sector," he wrote.



A comprehensive reevaluation to accurately address the emerging challenges posed by erratic weather patterns fuelled by climate change is required, he added.

The letter outlines a distressing narrative of the past few years wherein the battle against climatic adversities has intensified, especially in Karnataka, a state heavily dependent on farming. The intensification of drought has left an indelible mark on various facets of life, most profoundly on rural agricultural communities, he explained.

"Crop failures, water scarcity and socio-economic hardships have become synonymous with the new reality, leaving farmers in a state of vulnerability and uncertainty," he said.

He underscored the gravity of the situation through meteorological data, illustrating the stark contrast between expected and actual rainfall during the current South West Monsoon season in Karnataka. With a notable -34% deficiency in rainfall compared to the normal average, coupled with a staggering -56% deficit in June alone, the agricultural landscape is being pushed to the brink. The letter highlights the inconsistency in drought declaration despite evident drought-like conditions in several regions, effectively leaving farmers without critical support.

The crux of the letter is to recalibrate the existing parameters for drought declaration, particularly in the context of Karnataka's diverse agro-climatic zones. The prevailing one-size-fits-all approach, while once effective, now falls short in capturing the nuances and variations in different regions.

Cong back in vogue, big rush for LS tickets

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AS Lok Sabha elections are just seven months away, there is intense lobbying for tickets in Congress, especially after the party's massive victory in the May Assembly polls.

Bengaluru Central has the maximum number of contenders with former minister HM Revanna and Youth Congress president Mohammed Nalapad topping the list, while former MP VS Ugrappa is pitching hard for the Ballari seat.

There is also high demand for the Belagavi constituency, where Satish Jarkiholi lost narrowly in the last bypoll. It is highly likely that the party will perform better this time, party sources said.

There is talk of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's son Yathindra being fielded from Mysuru, while Jayaprakash Hegde may contest from Udupi-Chikkamagaluru.

AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge may pick Kolar as a second seat in addition to Kalaburagi. Former Kolar MP KH Muniyappa, who is a minister in the Siddaramaiah cabinet, is said to be keen to contest from his pocket borough.

In Tumakuru, the previous party candidate, Muddahanume Gowda, has moved out of the party and there is a rush of aspirants, considering that GS Basavraj may not contest from there.

In the last parliamentary elections, the Grand Old Party managed to win only one out of the 28 constituencies in the state. With some Congress leaders losing the last four consecutive elections, there is a clear dearth of winnable candidates. Many who lost in the recent assembly elections are also trying their luck, sources said.

BJP, in the meantime, has indicated that it would change candidates in 14-15 constituencies to check anti-incumbency.

Case filed against Upendra

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INDUDHARA Honnapura, a progressive leader of the oppressed sections, said, "It is the Brahminical mindset that keeps this concept alive. It speaks of his jaati (caste) mindset. I feel sad and angry about what he said. One should have wisdom after doing so many movies and starting a political party."

Karnataka Slum Dalit Janondalana leader Narasimha Murthy said, "While Upendra tries to sound like a progressive person, his statement is regressive. I condemn his casteist comment. The leaders need to be conscious of what they are saying."

At Harohalli and Kanakapura in Ramanagara district, supporters of Samata Sainik Dal burnt Upendra's effigy and chanted slogans condemning his statement.

Dal state president M Venkataswamy said, "Our partymen protested and also filed a case against him. He is not an ordinary man. He is a superstar. I demand that the government book him legally and treat him as an offender. He carries a dirty casteist mindset."

Upendra's Uttama Prajakeeya Party polled more votes than AAP in the recent Assembly polls in Karnataka.

ED arrests Senthil Balaji's brother in Kochi

Ashok had failed to appear before agency

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Chennai/Karur

RV Ashok Kumar, the younger brother of embattled Tamil Nadu minster V Senthil Balaji, was arrested on Sunday by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in Kochi in Kerala. While officials from the ED's Chennai unit, which apprehended the 46-year-old, did not declare the arrest, its Kerala unit is learnt to have received a confirmation from Chennai.

The arrest comes a day after the ED filed a chargesheet against the minister in the money laundering case linked to an alleged cash-for-jobs scam. While the chargesheet only named Balaji, ED said Ashok Kumar had failed to respond to repeated summons in the case. On Thursday, the ED had frozen 2.49 acres of land belonging to Ashok's wife Nirmala.

An earlier statement from the ED had alleged that Ashok, Nirmala and Nirmala's mother P Lakshmi had failed to appear before the agency despite multiple summons, demonstrating a lack of cooperation with the ongoing investigation. Senthil Balaji was arrested on June 14 in a money laundering case filed by the ED based on the cash-for-job scam he was allegedly involved in when he was the transport minister during the previous AIADMK regime. On Saturday, after five days of questioning by the ED, the minister was remanded in judicial custody till August 25 by a Chennai court and he is lodged in Puzhal Prison. On August 7, the Supreme Court had dismissed pleas filed seeking his release. Ashok, who is not affiliated to any party, is Senthil Balaji's most trusted aide.

AFTER KID'S DEATH, TTD IMPOSES CURBS ON TREKS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Tirumala

A day after a six-year-old was mauled to death by a leopard on the early hours of Sunday, the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) has imposed restrictions on movement of devotees on the trekking paths as well as ghat roads that came into force from Sunday evening itself.

Even as the death of Lakshitha of Nellore kept the TTD and forest officials on their toes, a leopard was spotted at the down ghat road at 6.30 am on Sunday. A team guarding that area spotted the cat and sent it back to the woods by bursting crackers and honking vehicle horns.

The TTD said it took two important decisions in the wake of the attack by wild beasts targetting children. "The movement of leopards have been sighted at five places that includes three places near Alipiri to Galigopuram, at Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy temple and at the 38th Turning," the TTD said.

In this connection, it was decided to allow pilgrims to trek on both the footpath routes with children aged below 15 years only from 5 am to 2 pm and the changed timings came into force on Sunday.

The movement of two-wheelers have also been stalled from 6 pm to 6 am, the TTD added.

Meanwhile, TTD Trust Board Chairman B Karunakara Reddy will hold a high-level meeting with the TTD EO, District Collector, SP in Tirupati to discuss on the measures to be taken in view of the safety of the pilgrims in both the footpath routes and Ghat roads on Monday evening.

TTD has appealed to the devotees to co-operate and follow the guidelines taken by it keeping in view the larger interests of the pilgrim devotees till the issue of wild beasts is resolved.

The Tirupati district police has introduced security ID tags to children at the middle of the pathway to Tirumala. The Police constables at the outpost in 7th mile between Alipiri to Tirumala trek way were supplied Security Identification tags and instructed them to tie to each child, even infants while crossing their point.

SUNDAY SPLASH

A surfer rides the waves at an International surfing event at Kovalam beach on Sunday | ASHWIN PRASATH

Moral policing: Five assault man for dropping off woman from another faith

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mangaluru

DAKSHINA Kannada police have arrested a man for allegedly indulging in 'moral policing' and assaulting a Muslim man from Kerala in Sullia. The incident occurred on Saturday when victim Mohammad Jaleel, aged 39, was returning after dropping a woman to Sullia in his car.

Sullia police said Jaleel, a native of Malappuram, currently resides in Aranthodu. He had taken a rubber plantation on lease three months ago and was looking after the plantation there. On Saturday, a woman known to him told him that she was coming to Sullia from Madikeri and needed a room to stay in Sullia. The victim had arranged a room in Sullia and dropped her there and was returning for his personal work at Thodikana when five accused waylaid and abused him. They also allegedly assaulted him and issued death threats for being in the company of a woman from another faith.

Among the five accused, three are identified as Lathish Gundya, Varshith and Punith while two others are yet to be identified.

The accused have been booked under Sections 143, 147, 341, 323, 504, 506, 153(A) (Promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, etc). The police have managed to arrest one of the accused Punith, a resident of Sonangeri in Sullia.

3 NEWS WEBSITES BOOKED

Meanwhile, DK SP Ryshyanth said they have booked three news websites for spreading fake news that the accused in the case have been released with the pressure of a political leader from Puttur. Kahale News, Zoom In TV and Hosa Kannada.com news websites were booked for twisting the incident and promoting fake news and spreading false information about the police and thereby attempting to disturb communal peace.

Law official caught taking bribe gets bail

YATHIRAJU @Bengaluru

THE Special Court for CBI cases granted bail to Tarun Kumar Malik, additional legal adviser and in-charge, Branch Secretariat, Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice, who was caught red-handed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), allegedly accepting a bribe of Rs 25,000 from an advocate, to appoint five advocates as notaries.

Malik was in contact with Vani GK, accused No 2 and an advocate based in Bengaluru, in the appointment of the five advocates. He allegedly paid some amount in New Delhi, and had demanded Rs 50,000 per advocate from Vani, with an agreement to receive the remaining amount once the list is published.

Vani agreed to pay on May 16, 2023, and based on source information, a trap was laid. As Vani delivered the bribe of Rs 25,000 to Malik in his office chambers at Kendriya Sadan, Koramangala, both Malik and Vani were intercepted by the CBI team. A brown envelope with 'From Smt Vani GK' on it, containing the bribe amount of Rs 25,000, was recovered from Malik.

On being questioned, both Malik and Vani became anxious and did not give any reasonable answer. Malik admitted that he had received the amount from her for the selection of certain advocates as Notaries in the Ministry of Law and Justice.

Apart from the bribe amount, unaccounted cash of Rs 4.32 lakh was found in Malik's possession during a personal search. Unaccounted cash of Rs 34 lakh was also seized from his residential premises in Ghaziabad, besides documents of multiple properties in his and his wife's names. The accused were apprehended.

Both the accused filed bail petitions, of which Vani's plea was allowed. The petition filed by Malik was rejected on May 29 and June 22. He filed a subsequent bail petition.

Judge KL Ashok passed the order to release Malik on the execution of a personal bond for Rs 2 lakh, with a surety for like sum, subject to certain conditions.

4 drown in pond near Siddaganga Mutt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Tumakuru

IN a heart wrenching incident, four persons including two students drowned in a pond (gokatte) on the premises of Siddaganga Mutt in Tumakuru on Sunday.

The deceased, identified as Harshith from Ramanagara and Shankar from Chikkmagaluru districts, both aged eleven, were class VI students in the free boarding school of the mutt. Other deceased include Lakshmi (32) of Bagalagunte in Bengaluru and Mahadevappa(44) of Syedapura in Yadgir district.

The fire brigade crew fished out the bodies of Lakshmi and Harshith and were searching for the remaining two.

Lakshmi's son Ranjith, studying in class VI, went to the pond to wash his hands after lunch and slipped. His classmates Harshith and Shankar ventured to rescue him, but drowned. Laksmi and Mahadevappa who rushed to their rescue also drowned.

Fortunately, Ranjith survived. Police suspect the victims might have been entangled in the silt inside the pond. Kyathsandra circle police inspector Ramprasad visited the spot and filed an FIR.

The family members of the victims weep inconsolably near the pond

Assault on Jaya: EPS slams Stalin

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Madurai

AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami has criticised Chief Minister MK Stalin for calling the 'assault on former chief minister J Jayalalithaa in the Assembly' in 1989 a play staged by the deceased leader.

EPS said, "The incident happened in the presence of the then CM M Karunanidhi. I was also one of the witnesses. Now, all the opposition parties pressed for a 'no confidence motion' in the LS against the ongoing ethnic violence in Manipur. DMK MP Kanimozhi compared it with an incident in the Mahabharat. Countering her statement, Union Minister for Finance Nirmala Sitaram recalled the assault on Jayalalithaa in the Assembly in 1989."

The speeding car that rear-ended the truck in Chitradurga on Sunday

Car crashes into truck, five killed in Chitradurga

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chitradurga

FIVE people of a family were killed and two others were injured in a road accident that occurred on the National Highway-50A near Mallapura Bridge on the outskirts of Chitradurga city on Sunday morning.

The collision of a truck and a car caused the unfortunate accident. The truck, which was moving on the left lane (truck lane), was rear-ended by the car at a great speed, thereby crushing it.

The deceased are identified as Sangana Basappa (36), Rekha (29), wife of Sangana, their son, Agasthya (8), Bhimashankara (26) and Madhusudhan (24). Except for Madhusudhan, all the others were killed on the spot.

Injured Anvitha (6), Adarsha (4), who are children of Sangana Basappa, along with a 26-year-old man, who suffered grievous injuries, are undergoing treatment at a Chitradurga district hospital.

According to Chitradurga Superintendent of Police Parashuram K, the car was moving from Vijayapura to Chikkamagaluru for a vacation, while the truck was moving from Hospete to Bengaluru. He also said the car driver not applying brakes on time led to the accident.

Chitradurga Rural police have registered a case and are investigating the incident.

Rehabilitated elephant dies at camp

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Madikeri

AN elephant rehabilitated at Mathigodu elephant camp near Thithimathi in Kodagu died due to suspected organ failure. Hunsuru division and Thithimathi division foresters conducted a postmortem of the elephant and buried the carcass in the forest.

The 50-year-old male elephant Subramanya had claimed the lives of two people in the Subramanya forest range of Kabada taluk in February this year. Tamed elephants from the Kodagu division were pulled in to capture the conflict elephant, after which the captivated tusker was rehabilitated at Mathigodu elephant camp.

The carcass of the elephant was buried in the forest

After rigorous training, the tusker was out of the crawl after training and was friendly with the other inhabitants of the camp. On Saturday noon, the elephant suddenly collapsed. The foresters immediately tried lifting the elephant using a crane. But, the elephant breathed its last. Hunsur division ACF Dayanand said, "The elephant was suffering from arthritis, septicaemia (bacterial infection) and multiple organ failure is suspected to have caused the death."

Kids attend classes in 100 sqft dining area

DIVYA CUTINHO @Mangaluru

THIS 43-year-old government primary school at Ajjavara village is in urgent need of repair as children between classes 1 and 5 are forced to attend classes in a tiny room meant for the midday meal in Sullia taluk of Dakshina Kannada district.

School Development Monitoring Committee (SDMC) members said, initially the roof of the school building at Dodderi needed repair and they somehow repaired it. Last year, the walls of the rooms developed cracks and they stopped the walls from collapsing temporarily by keeping wooden logs as support.

Meanwhile, the Education Department requested the school management to shift the students to nearby schools but the SDMC did not listen, fearing that the school would be closed permanently. Rendered helpless, the students were shifted to the room built for Akshara Dasoha which is less than 100 sq ft where classes are being held for 12 students and midday meals are prepared in another dilapidated building.

"We have submitted several memorandums to the previous BJP government as well as the government under H D Kumaraswamy to grant funds for the school. The promises are yet to be fulfilled. Just weeks before the state assembly polls, the then MLA of Sullia S Angara managed to sanction Rs 7 lakh for the repair of the school. However, the work was delayed due to the elections and now the officials say the fund has been returned as the repair work was not completed," said a SDMC member.

Dayanand D K, SDMC president, told *TNIE* the children often fall sick as they cannot sit comfortably. "The children are from a nearby SC/ST colony and the authorities need to urgently resolve the issue and make alternate arrangements to ensure that children are not put to hardships. There were two permanent teachers and one of them was transferred. The lone teacher is overburdened and the children are suffering due to poor infrastructure. ," he said.

Children attend classes in a tiny Akshara Dasoha room in a government primary school in Sullia | EXPRESS

CLOUDBURST ALERT

IMD to install 86 doppler radars

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TO prevent damage to life and property caused by extreme rainfall events, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has planned massive expansion of its doppler radar footprints to improve forecast of cloudbursts.

Since the cloudburst phenomenon occurs primarily in Himalayan and Western Ghats regions, the national weather agency is focusing on ramping up forecasting in these two areas. "Already 10 radars are operational in the western Himalayan region. Three are operational in North-Eastern hills and eight more will be added," Director General of IMD, Dr Mrutyunjay Mohapatra told *TNIE*.

By 2030, the national agency aims to install 86 doppler radars across the country. At present, it has 37 radars across India and will add 25 more by 2025. The IMD DG pointed out the enhancement may not be sufficient as old and redundant radars will have to be replaced with new ones. "We are planning to add 24 more radars across the country after 2025 and take the total number to 86 by 2030," he said.

Mohapatra said cloudburst is an extreme amount of precipitation within a short period of time and distance which makes its detection a challenge. "IMD will not be able to achieve the target alone and is collaborating with state governments and other organisations to increase the number of radars," he said.

IMD is also working with the Ministry of Agriculture and has come up with a plan to set up automatic weather stations in every block and automatic rain gauge in each panchayat of the country.

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Indifferentism is the worst kind of disease that can affect people

BR Ambedkar

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— Ramnath Goenka

CHECK REPLACEMENTS OF COLONIAL CRIMINAL LAWS WITH FINE-TOOTH COMB

Three new bills dramatically introduced at the fag end of the Lok Sabha session, which seek to replace colonial-era criminal laws, were appropriately sent to a parliamentary select committee for vetting. There is already some disquiet over making the laws way too harsh and squeezing the democratic space for disagreement. The proposed laws need a really wide public consultation by the select panel, though the government packaged them as the nectar of collective wisdom distilled from 158 meetings over a span of four years. The drafts are based on inputs from 18 states, six Union Territories, the Supreme Court, 16 high courts, five judicial academies, 22 law universities, 142 MPs and around 270 MLAs. While the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita Bill will replace the Indian Penal Code, the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita Bill is in place of the Criminal Procedure Code, and the Bharatiya Sakshya Bill will supplant the Indian Evidence Act. As could be expected from a party that treats muscular nationalism as an article of faith, it added a new offence on secession and separatist activities, though it axed the colonial sedition law. For the first time, terrorism has been exhaustively defined. Provisions of the draconian Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act have been integrated with it. As for hate crimes by a group of five or more that results in death, the entire bunch of persons would be liable for equal punishment, not just the actual murderer. Besides, capital punishment stays in the statute book.

On the positive side, crimes against women and children are among the Nyaya Sanhita's major thrust areas, for which punishments have been enhanced. Also, it provides for zero FIRs that can be lodged anywhere irrespective of jurisdiction, making it difficult for offenders to wriggle out. Another ambitious attempt is to extend forensic science-based investigation across the country. To expedite case disposal, summary trial has been made mandatory for petty crimes. Among the interesting provisions is the introduction of community service as punishment. It also seeks to plug a loophole on releasing prisoners due to political considerations. Section 377 on unnatural sex has been abolished but criminal defamation stays.

On balance, the big question is whether harsh punishments would serve as deterrents or limit civil liberties; whether a future Shaheen Bagh would result in jail for all its participants. Lest it be forgotten, such laws could as well bite the ruling establishment in states where it is not in power.

POLICY SWITCH: GOVT'S NEWFOUND FAITH IN PSUs

In a very unusual piece of investment advice in Parliament, the PM exhorted people to bet on PSU stocks. Taking a potshot at the opposition for their doomsday predictions on the Indian economy and public sector companies, the prime minister made an impassioned appeal to investors to show faith in Indian PSU stocks. His praise for PSUs is a departure from his government's past stance on government-owned companies, which are largely seen as a legacy of Nehruvian socialism. That the top leadership of a government, which has time and again attacked its predecessors for failing to dispose of inefficient PSUs, is advising people to repose faith in these units, is a big statement that somehow went unnoticed in the ruckus in Parliament.

The Narendra Modi government has made a lot of song and dance about its disinvestment efforts since it came to power in 2014, but the fact remains that only two PSUs—Air India and Neelanchal Ispat Nigam Ltd—have been sold to a private player (Tata) so far. In other strategic disinvestments, the government would simply sell its entire stake in one PSU to another. And while the government can take credit for privatisation of two PSUs, it is equally true that the privatisation agenda of the government has been locked away in cold storage for now. Power corridors are abuzz with talks that PSU disinvestment is not a priority for the government for now. Even the ones in the pipeline—IDBI Bank, BEML, Concor—look like a distant possibility.

There has been a realisation of sorts by the government that PSUs may not, after all, be that bad. Ministers in the government have been singing paeans of the PSU oil marketing companies due to their help in tiding over the serious fuel crisis in the wake of the Ukraine war last year. At the peak of the coal crisis last year, Coal India was tasked with importing coal to replenish power plant stocks. When Yes Bank was in trouble, the government asked SBI to rescue the private lender. The government sees the benefit of having PSUs in certain sectors, and its disinvestment policy will be guided by this newfound fondness for PSUs. The prime minister's copious praise for PSUs, therefore, should not be seen as an isolated event.

QUICK TAKE

HANDLING JUVENILE CRIMES

Teen crimes are on the rise, alarmingly, many heinous, from stabbings, rapes to murders. Under revised laws, juvenile boards are beginning to consent to trying juveniles as adults for such crimes. But first the boards evaluate the accused's mental state, the capability to commit the crime and the ability to comprehend consequences—a highly subjective process. Also, talking about the crime during evaluation and before the trial violates the juvenile's privacy, right against self-incrimination and presumption of innocence. Thirdly, the evaluation guidelines need stricter oversight to eliminate bias and prejudice media trials create. Better a rational and informed evaluation than a "default" choice.

August 15 becomes a summons for the past and an invitation for the future. Our Constitution needs to rejoin the school of freedom to create a vocabulary that is more life-giving

THE STRANGE EMPTINESS OF DEMOCRACY

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Every time I sit down to write a report on August 15, I immediately compare it to January 26. Republic Day exudes a sense of carnival, while Independence Day exudes gravitas and solitariness of being. While January 26 invokes an exhibition of communities, August 15 emphasises the distinct identity. The moods and milieu are different. Republic Day is a costume ball of diversity, while Independence Day insists on a report card, an assessment of the nation. I must confess that this year, my assessment is a grim one.

First, the very idea of India itself is at stake. India no longer projects a playful sense of civilisation. We now invoke the grim terminology of "nation state". Worse, we demand a textbook assessment of competence and productivity. India is no longer obsessed with excellence but with ranks. We want to be indexically conceived and read as a battery of rankings; we are content to be a middle-rung nation state—we have lost our sense of originality and creativity.

We are mediocre and majoritarian. Our majoritarianism is a search for consensus. We are not seeking solidarity but consensus, preparing for uniformity and standardisation. In fact, we are afraid of differences and plurality. Consensus and majoritarianism find their consolation in the logic of numbers.

What consolidates the banality of numbers and consensus is violence. Violence has become one of the most inventive aspects of our lives, creating new forms of elimination and brutality, which are systematised through acts of triage, obsolescence and displacement. Violence is part of the ritual of every day. It is normal. Violence heralds every election as a prelude where it becomes an attempt to reinforce old solidarities.

Violence is an endemic part of policy, and discipline is enforced right from Muslim-majority areas to Manipur. Violence today is not sporadic. From the Gujarat riots to Manipur, violence normalises policy. It is systemic, or in Modi's words, it must be normalised. That is, it has to be banalised, routinised and made part of the ritual of everyday expectations.

Haunting majoritarianism is mediocrity, a fear of ideas and paranoia about dissent. Majoritarianism makes mediocrity comfortable, and any dissent is read as a law-and-order problem. This nexus between majoritarianism, mediocrity and violence makes citizenship a haphazard and unsettled affair. The Orwellian world of the current regime invents a range of non-being, eliminations and dilutions of citizenship.

SOUMYADIP SINHA

Citizenship—rather than being fortified and substantial—has been emptied out. It does not even stand as hope anymore, as events in the Northeast, Kashmir and elsewhere show. Citizenship becomes a surreal and haunting emptiness, a stigmatisation of the person as alien as he or she becomes the new non-being of the constitutional regime. Whether it is Assam, Myanmar or Manipur, citizenship, rather than guaranteeing hospitality and residency, becomes a Kafkaesque process to which everyone is subject. Citizenship has become a fragile term, a ritual of vulnerability as one recollects the everyday horrors enacted in the police station.

As a society, India needs new concepts to redeem the fragility and temporariness of civics and create a world where a Constitution keeps its promise. The trumpeting of the rights says little because they create a corseted world which makes few allowances for the everyday fragility of life.

As citizenship empties, so does civil society. The institutions that helped create civil society all become cheap imitations of their former selves, and reports of governance consolidate this status. The NEP is a good example; the quiz rather than the research paper becomes the model of intelligence. Originality is lost in a flood of predictable answers. It is not the growth of the original ideology anymore but the proliferation of information, where information exists without a theory of knowledge. Knowledge as epistemology disappears. Also, an intuitive sense of diversity is lost. What India misses is its intuitive genius of plurality. Instead of celebrating difference, diversity and dissent, we are embarrassed by it.

The word 'Urban Naxal' and the treatment meted out to Stan Swamy reflect the symptoms of the time. It reflects the violence we inflict on a difference we cannot manage. We eliminate a Stan Swamy without remorse or mourning. What Stan Swamy firmly represents as an individual, Shaheen Bagh reflects as a collective mentality, a statement of care and solidarity with the other. A colonial mindset still dominates the ruling regime in India. Modi was right to redo Parliament. The Lutyens syndrome exists happily in India.

The years of freedom have shown that the Constitution as a mode of civics and knowledge has to be reworked. Instead of revoking the Forest Act, we have to rework the idea of 'nature' in the Constitution, transforming it from a commoditised resource to a form of life. The concept of ecology must be reworked in the Constitution, linking life, livelihood, life-world and lifestyle.

Time must be rethought beyond sustainability. I remember one tribal scholar responding to the Brundtland Report by saying we must go beyond linearity as a dominant mode of thought.

Citizenship has to be reworked as an idea of hospitality to make space for the refugee, the migrant and the informal economy. One needs a Truth Commission to rework the marginal imaginations of the country. A world of rights has to be embedded in the world of commons, especially when the idea of rights borders on the hypocritical. India needs a new imagination for legislation to create a new set of life-giving structures.

August 15 becomes a summons for the past and an invitation for the future. Time has to be reworked beyond official calendars. Our Constitution needs to rejoin the school of freedom to create a vocabulary that is more life-giving, challenging the genocidal forces that we have internalised today. We need new forms of memory and remembrance to challenge the old styles of indifference and forgetting. New concepts of memory have to combine with new ideas of the world to forge a new vision of India as a workable, liveable and lovable entity.

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WHEN A JUJUBE GIRL LEARNED AN IMPORTANT LESSON

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FAITHLINE

India, on the eve of her 76th Independence Day, is a fiercely aspirational society, determined to get a better life with all the material rewards. The path is not easy and requires persistent hard work and a positive attitude. Setbacks, small and big, may well happen. But the national spirit, as we regularly see, is to keep going through every adversity and meet life halfway with good effort and good attitude. A small but relevant *jataka* comes to mind that I would like to retell on the occasion of our big day.

The story is about how you might respond when fate suddenly hands you the world on a golden platter and just as suddenly takes it all away. The root of this story is found in the *Sujata Jataka*. Its dramatic turnaround is intended, like all *jatakas*, to serve as a cautionary tale—in this case, that good fortune takes work to maintain.

Picture, then, a busy morning at the market square of Shravasti, the capital of the kingdom of Kosala. Our tale concerns a humble seller of jujube or ber fruit juice. Let's call her Malati. She was 16 years old and the only child of a widowed mother. Malati lived on the outskirts of Shravasti where ber trees grew aplenty. She collected the fruit in the morning, crushed them for juice in a heavy stone quern and strained the juice through cloth into a large earthen pot. She loaded the pot, with a dipper and little terracotta cups, on a cart. Then she would make her way each day to the middle of the town. She attracted excellent custom as much for the pleasant, healthy drink she sold as for her good looks.

One morning, Malati looked even prettier in a new sari, with a string of jasmine in her hair. Her skin shone with the glow of youth and her big, brown eyes looked merrily at the passing world.

Suddenly a drumbeat announced that the king was coming through on his elephant. The crowd parted to let him pass. The king, all of 23, noticed Malati's youthful perfection from atop his elephant. He turned to his chief adviser beside him in the royal howdah and said in an urgent whisper, "I must have that girl! Get her to the palace, will you?"

"King, she is a poor seller of jujube juice. What will you do with a girl like that? And how will the people react if you just help yourself to one of them?" said the adviser, who was none other than the Bodhisattva, the Buddha in a previous birth.

"I will marry her, of course!" said the hot-headed king.

The Bodhisattva knew it was no use arguing. Since it was a personal matter and not one of policy, the Bodhisattva signalled to a horseman to step up. "Bring that jujube girl to the palace," he said in a low voice.

Malati, to her amazement and delight, was married to the king with her mother's glad consent. She had a splendid suite near the king and 10 maids to wait on her. The royal cooks outdid themselves, hoping to overwhelm her digestion since everyone was jealous of her sudden good fortune.

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But Malati did more than justice to the rich, new food. She had more dresses than she could count and the king gave her new jewellery every other day. She woke at leisure, had a luxurious bath, strolled in the royal park and welcomed her husband in the evening with a radiant smile.

The Bodhisattva suggested that as a queen, Malati should learn to read and write. However, neither her nor the king could be bothered; they were too content as they were. It was hard for the Bodhisattva to dislike the king, though. At work, he was rather hot-headed, but a just and conscientious ruler who disliked flattery and valued straightforward people.

One day, the king went on a long tour of his kingdom. When he returned, the Bodhisattva organised a welcome banquet. Malati, by the king's side, ate very well as usual. As the meal progressed, a server brought in a golden dish heaped with jujubes. The king helped himself liberally but Malati suddenly wondered if the servants were making fun of her. To cover up, she asked in a high, artificial voice, "Oh, and what are these?" The king stared at her in disbelief and lost his temper.

"Why are you putting on such airs?" he said in disgust. "I detest such vulgarity. Leave, you are unfit to be queen."

Malati was sent back to her mother in a cart minus her fine clothes and jewellery. Her shame was compounded by the nasty remarks of people, who liked their king and opined that Malati was merely an upstart who had proved unfit for her great position. But most of all, Malati missed her husband, whom she loved sincerely. To fall so low in *his* esteem was her greatest sorrow.

Malati kept indoors and lived very quietly. But the Bodhisattva discreetly sent her a tutor and Malati eagerly received the education he offered. "I don't know how it will help but I must try to learn," she thought desolately, "I should have understood my lord's character better." Along with the alphabet, she learned about great kings and queens, and appropriate behavior, which made her more thoughtful every passing month.

A year went by and the Bodhisattva decided it was time to bring Malati to court. The king frowned when he saw her but the Bodhisattva spoke out. "She has lived with dignity and studied all this while to fit in better. It was your fault, King, to elevate a poor girl but not teach her the graces of living. You should take her back," he said persuasively.

The king was touched by this unexpected disclosure and also accepted the truth of the Bodhisattva's rebuke. He reinstated Malati, who never put on empty airs again and neither did the king's love falter.

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G20 meet

Ref: *At G20 meet, Modi says no compromise on corruption* (Aug 13). Corrupt people are everywhere. Corruption can destabilise the growing economy. For a healthy world economy, global financial stability and development, corruption is a glitch that must be eliminated from every country. For that, no stone should be left unturned.
Ravi Nair, Palakkad

Language tussles

Ref: *Stalin says Hindi names for vital laws BJP's bid to supplant our identity* (Aug 12). When DMK changed names in government offices, etc., Stalin was happy. Other non-Hindi-speaking states have also done this. Even roads aren't spared. When the Centre is doing the same, Stalin cannot make an issue out of it. Let him fulfil poll promises first.
Venkitasubramanian, Coimbatore

Blunder land

Apropos of *No trust vote: Opposition in blunder land* (Aug 13). Our PM appears to be a monarch who hates wisdom and dissent. It doesn't matter if the opposition intervenes or not when he speaks. What is the future of 'blunder land'? Overconfident leaders have disappeared fast in true democracies due to the sudden wave of public opinion. Hence, this column is pessimistic in deciding the issue.
Sathyam, Tirupati

Leopard attack

Ref: *6-year-old Nellore girl mauled to death by leopard in Tirumala* (Aug 13). The TTD's announcement of Rs 10 lakh for the girl's family shows its casual attitude towards human lives. Aware of the risks in the Alipiri-Tirumala route and the man-animal conflict, TTD should have prohibited the devotees from using this route during risky hours.
DS Gururaj, Bengaluru

Caste discrimination

Ref: *CM MK Stalin sets up panel to end casteism in TN schools* (Aug 13). DMK led a massive anti-Brahmin agitation to consolidate other castes for political power. Stalin talking about ending casteism with a one-man panel is a political stunt to tide over criticism. When students wear caste tags to classrooms, how can his government eradicate discrimination?
Dr Duggaraju Srinivasa Rao, Vijayawada

Informative Xplainer

Ref: *Recalling the birth of Independent India* (Aug 13). This article is eye-opening and informative. While India is democratic and an economic giant, in Pakistan there is military involvement in daily activities, with an unstable government and dying economy.
M S Mageshwar, Chennai

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Himanta Biswa Sarma @himantabiswa
Deploying Army to settle internal disputes is not the organisation's primary mandate. Solutions to our internal problems should come from within.

P. Chidambaram @PChidambaram_IN
The Truth Mirror will answer that the GDP growth rate in the first nine years of the NDA government was 5.7 per cent.

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
I heard that a tomato seller has changed his name to 'Tunar'. He says that when the seller of expensive gold is called 'Sunar' then why can't we tomato sellers be called 'Tunar'?

India raises deterrent capability in Ladakh

Have paid attention to sustain forces already deployed in the area and monitor enemy buildup, say defence sources

MAYANK SINGH @New Delhi

WHILE tensions prevail along the Line of Control in eastern Ladakh, the work on beefing up the overall military capability to match the Chinese build-up continues.

"Plan is to refurbish all air bases in Ladakh. The government has already given permissions to develop the Nyoma Airbase into a full-fledged fighter base," sources said,

Ladakh already has Leh and Thoise bases which are capable of supporting fighter aircraft operations. The Demchok Sector has Fukche advanced landing ground also.

Nyoma is at over 13,000 feet and is less than 50 km from the Line of Actual Control. Fighter aircraft, new radars, and upgraded drones for enhancing surveillance in Ladakh can operate from there.

The next focus will be on constructing hangars to safeguard the fighters from the vagaries of weather and terrain, the sources said.

The movement has been towards strengthening the deterrent military posture and there has been the deployment of troops, weaponry and platforms. "We have paid every attention to sustain our deployed forces, monitor enemy buildup and be ready, even with fighter

File picture of a transport aircraft landing in Leh

operations, if the need arises."

In terms of platforms, strategic airlift transport aircraft and helicopters played a key role since the standoff which began in May 2020. The area also saw quick deployment of fighters like the Rafale, Sukhoi and Jaguars. Even MiG-29 fighters were moved ahead in a mirror deployment to that of China.

The Chinese side has also significantly improved its military infrastructure including their air force facilities in areas bordering India, have been constructing new airbases and expanding existing ones.

There have also been instances when Chinese fighter jets flew extremely close to India's defences. With the Chinese People's Liberation Army moving in its troops in large numbers, the Indian Air Force had to swing into action pressing its strategic airlift transport fleet. Over 68,000 troops were moved within a limited period to forward locations and 90 tanks, 330 infantry combat vehicles, the Russian BMPs, several artillery guns, were airlifted, a total load exceeding 9,000 tonnes, sources said.

Remotely Piloted Aircraft from forward bases are being operated for surveillance.

The story of clashes in Ladakh was broken by TNIE in May 2020. Indian and Chinese troops continue to be locked in a standoff mode in Depsang and Demchok in eastern Ladakh even as the two sides completed disengagement from several areas following extensive diplomatic and military talks.

Navy's Vindhyagiri frigate to be launched on Aug 17

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THE indigenously manufactured Vindhyagiri, a Project 17A Frigate for Indian Navy, will be launched by President Droupadi Murmu at Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Limited in Kolkata on August 17, 2023.

Vindhyagiri, named after the mountain range in Karnataka, is the sixth ship of the Project 17A Frigates. These warships are follow-on of the Project 17 Class Frigates (Shivalik Class), with improved stealth features, advanced weapons, sensors and platform management systems.

Vindhyagiri, a technologically advanced Frigate, pays a befitting tribute to the distinguished service of its predecessor, the erstwhile INS Vindhyagiri, the Leander Class ASW Frigate. The old Vindhyagiri, in its nearly 31 years of service from July 8, 1981 to June 11, 2012, had seen various challenging operations and multinational exercises. The newly christened Vindhyagiri stands as a symbol of India's determination to embrace its rich naval heritage, while propelling itself towards a future of indigenous defence capabilities.

Under the Project 17A programme, a total of four ships by Mazagaon Dockyard Limited (MDL) and three ships by GRSE are under construction. The project's first five ships have been launched by MDL and GRSE from 2019-2022.

Project 17A ships have been designed in-house by the Navy's Warship Design Bureau, the pioneer organisation for all warship design activities.

Aligning with India's resolute commitment to 'Atma Nirbharta' (self-reliance), a substantial 75 per cent of the orders for equipment and systems of Project 17A ships are from indigenous firms, including MSMEs.

POWER GAMES

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Bharat Jodo Yatra-2

RAHUL PLANS OCT 2 LAUNCH FROM MAHATMA'S BIRTHPLACE

Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi has decided to launch the second leg of his hugely successful Bharat Jodo Yatra. Sources said it will begin from Porbandar, the birthplace of Mahatma Gandhi, this October 2. The Yatra will start from Gujarat and pass through at least four poll-bound states – Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Mizoram -- before concluding at the holy Parshuram Kund in the Lohit district of Arunachal Pradesh. So far, it is unclear if the Yatra will also touch Telangana, also scheduled for elections this December. A team of top Congress leaders, including K C Venugopal and Jairam Ramesh, is finalising the route in consultation with Rahul Gandhi and leaders of the states the Yatra will pass through. Initially, the Yatra was to culminate at the Kamakhya Devi Temple at Guwahati. But since the Manipur turmoil has hit the entire northeast, the Yatra was extended to the region's other states to express solidarity with the people. The Bharat Jodo Yatra has been one of the most successful mass contact programmes the Congress party has undertaken in decades. A part of the credit for the party's success in the Karnataka assembly election has been given to the Yatra, which went through the southern state for twenty-one days, touching scores of villages, towns and cities. On the lines of the first leg of the Yatra that went on for five months, the Bharat Jodo-2 is likely to go on for four months and end with the Parshuram Kund Mela, known as the Kumbh of the Northeast, attended by thousands from across the country on Makar Sankranti in January.

CWC reconstitution

CONG FINDS UDAIPUR DECLARATION TOUGH TO IMPLEMENT

The Congress party's *Nav Sankalp* (new resolve) declaration adopted at the Chintan Shivir in Udaipur on May 15, 2022, has become the biggest impediment to reconstituting the Congress Working Committee, the party's highest decision-making body. The party said in its Udaipur Declaration, "It is in the organisation's interest to limit the term of a position to five years so that new people get an opportunity. Not only this, taking into consideration the demographics of India, it is important to ensure that 50% of the office bearers in Congress Working Committee, Pradesh Congress Committees, District Congress Committees, Block Congress Committees and Mandal Congress Committees are below the age of 50. Each of these units must also reflect social reality. Just and fair representation of Dalits, adivasis, backward classes, minorities and women should be ensured. The principle of one-person-one-post should be followed." According to sources, the party is finding it difficult to get suitable candidates under fifty for the CWC. Top party leaders have had many rounds of meetings on this subject, but the constitution of the CWC has been inordinately delayed. The Udaipur Declaration had mandated that "all the vacant positions at the Block, District, State and National level will be filled in the next 90 to 180 days..." It has been over eight months since Mallikarjun Kharge was elected as Congress president in October 2022 and five months since the AICC plenary at Raipur ratified his election and authorised him to nominate the CWC, but a decision is yet to be taken on the issue.

BJP to intensify outreach in areas dominated by SC, ST & Pasmanda Muslims

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @New Delhi

BUOYED by the response for its recent outreach programmes in minority-dominated areas, the Bharatiya Janata Party, through its minority morchas, is set to extend such programmes on a larger scale across areas dominated by SC, ST and Pasmanda Muslim communities.

"There is a need to keep the party's political tempo high amongst those people. BJP and its concerned fronts for minorities, SCs and STs, would intensify further the well-crafted outreaches ahead of Lok Sabha elections in 2024, especially in the LS constituencies with significant numbers of people from marginalised communities," said a seninor BJP functionary.

Besides this, the BJP minority morcha is also planning a big rally in Delhi this year, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi likely to be the chief guest.

During the recent programmes run by the concerned morchas on the Modi government's minority-centric schemes, a huge number of people from minority communities have been inducted as 'Modi Mitras'. The minority morchas still continue to carry out the programmes across 67 Lok Sabha constituencies till the end of this month.

Speaking to this newspaper, Jamal Siddiqui, national president of BJP Minority Morcha, said, "All non-political Muslims and people of other minority communities have been informed of the minority-centric schemes of Modi government. They have not got affiliated with the party, but have become 'Modi Mitras'. The outreach will be completed by August this year. A pool of 3.25 lakh Modi Mitras will be ready by August this year."

The constituencies covered by the morchas include Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Jharkhand, with significant minority population.

Panel for criminal law reforms faced flak in 2020 for opacity

PREETHA NAIR @New Delhi

EVEN as the Centre has proposed three new legislations to revamp the colonial-era criminal laws, the Criminal Law Reform Committee, which looked into the reform of the laws, faced severe criticism from several quarters for the ambiguity in its methodology and non-transparency after it was set up in May 2020.

The Home Ministry was also widely criticised by the legal fraternity for setting up a private committee, bypassing the law commission and criminal law experts, and entrusting the job to academics.

Despite demands from stakeholders, the committee also has not made the report of public consultations available on its website, experts pointed out.

The panel, constituted during the Covid-19 lockdown, had drawn flak from several retired judges, bureaucrats and women activists, who flagged the lack of transparency, representation of women, and marginalised castes and minorities. After facing flak, the panel later included a female member.

Many have also expressed concerns over the committee's time limit to propose the reforms. The first five law commissions took more than 10 years to change one-third of the CrPC. Thomas Babington Macaulay, who chaired the first law commission, had drafted the IPC in 1837, more than two decades before it became law.

Though Prof Ranbir Singh (former VC of National Law University, Delhi) held the position as the chairperson of the committee initially, Prof Srikrishna Deva Rao replaced him later. Other members include NLU VC GS Bajpai, Balraj Chauhan of NLU Jabalpur, senior advocate Mahesh Jethmalani, former judge GP Thareja, Praveen Sinha and Dr Padmini Singh.

Legal experts including former SC Judge Madan Lokur, ex-Delhi HC Chief Justice AP Shah, and ex-judge RS Sodhi, wrote to the committee in July 2020. "We are concerned that, unlike previous efforts of similar magnitude, this committee does not consist of full-time members. The members continue to discharge their full professional commitments alongside their work on this committee," they pointed out.

Congress calls for wider consultations

The Congress on Sunday called for wider consultations involving experts and the general public on the three legislations that seek to overhaul India's criminal justice system. In a statement, Congress general secretary Randeep Surjewala said that on August 11, without any prior intimation, public consultation or inviting suggestions from legal experts and other stakeholders, the Modi government introduced three Bills from its "black magic hat", thereby restructuring the entire criminal law apparatus in a "clandestine, hidden and opaque manner". In a detailed analysis, Surjewala said that Shah had "lied and misled" on many points.

G20 in-person; all eyes on Putin, Xi confirmation

YESHI SELI @New Delhi

AS the countdown begins for the G20 Summit, it has been made clear that the Delhi event will be an in-person meet and no hybrid mode will be offered.

"The G20 summit will be an in-person summit and there would be not be a hybrid mode offering which means that any leader who may not be able to make it will not be offered a window to speak virtually,'' said a source.

While most leaders are expected to attend the summit, the two leaders whose confirmations are most awaited includes Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese Premier Xi Jinping.

President Putin's attendance in particular is of great interest. "With the challenges President Putin is facing on home turf after the suspected coup attempt by Wagner and the flak he gets from the West due to the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, chances of his arriving in person are not very strong.

Hypothetically, if he decides not to come in person and sends Russia's Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov (just like in Bali last year) it will only be Lavrov who would be allowed to speak and a be a part of the deliberations,'' the source added.

India is not a signatory of the

International Criminal Court (ICC) so there is no threat of President Putin being arrested if he does decide to come for the summit, unlike in the upcoming BRICS summit in Johannesburg. The BRICS Summit, however, has gone on a hybrid mode as Putin will be taking part virtually.

Meanwhile, arrangements have been made for all the member countries and the invitees. Advance teams from most of the member countries have already visited Delhi and recced the facilities that would be utilised during the summit – from hotel accommodations, security, transportation and the facilities at the venue of the summit.

On Saturday, the first confirmation of in-person participation came from Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese. "It is more important than ever that Australia works closely with international partners, including through multilateral economic forums like the G20, to address shared challenges and opportunities. Australia is invested in and committed to the Indo-Pacific to enhance growth and prosperity, stability and respect for sovereignty and lasting peace," said Albanese. He will travel to Indonesia and the Phillippines before coming to Delhi.

The G20 is the world's preeminent forum for global economic cooperation. Leaders will focus on navigating the global economy back to strong, sustainable and resilient growth, said Albanese's office.

The G20 is a group of 19 countries (Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Turkiye, UK, US) and the European Union. These nations represent 85 per cent of global GDP, 75 per cent of global trade and two-thirds of population.

The invited nations include Egypt, Mauritius, Oman, Singapore, Bangladesh, UAE, Netherlands, Nigeria and Spain, along with organisations like the UN, IMF, WHO, WB, WTO, ILO, FSB, OECD, AU and ASEAN.

Attendance matters

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NIA raids 14 locations linked to banned PFI in five states; digital devices seized

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Sunday conducted a series of raids and searches across five states as part of its continued efforts to foil the banned Popular Front of India's (PFI) conspiracy to disturb peace in the country.

A total of 14 locations in Kannur, Malappuram, Dakshin Kannada, Nashik, Kolhapur, Murshidabad and Katihar districts of Kerala, Karnataka, Maharashtra, West Bengal and Bihar were raided. Several incriminating digital devices as well as documents were seized during the raids.

The case against PFI was registered by NIA in Delhi in April 2022. Incriminating evidence was collected by the agency, leading to the arrest of several top PFI leaders, including over a dozen NEC members, following country-wide operations during September 2022. The NIA conducted intensive investigations against the accused and filed a chargesheet against 19 of them in March 2023. PFI as an organisation was also named in the chargesheet. Subsequently, in April 2023, a supplementary chargesheet was filed against PFI national coordinator of weapons training.

POLICE ACTION

APRIL, 2022 – NIA registers a case against PFI

SEPTEMBER – Agency collects incriminating evidences and many top PFI leaders arrested

MARCH, 2023 – A charge sheet filed against 19 after intensive probe. PFI named in change sheet

APRIL – A supplementary charge sheet filed

Investigations are continuing to unearth and expose the complete PFI conspiracy to indoctrinate and train susceptible youth to create mayhem in the country.

The eventual aim of the conspiracy is to create an Islamic State by the time India completes a century of its independence.

The NIA has been working to unravel and thwart the attempts by PFI and its top leadership to create an armed cadre and raise a PFI Army for establishing an Islamic Caliphate in India by the year 2047 through acts of terror, violence and sabotage. PFI has been conspiring to radicalise gullible youth and provide them weapons training in a bid to further its violent anti-India agenda by fighting against certain sections of the society, as per NIA investigations, an official said.

NIA suspects several midrung PFI agents to be operating as master trainers who have been conducting Arms Training Camps across various states of the country for training its highly radicalised PFI cadres in the use of weapons, iron rods, swords and knives. On the basis of intelligence and investigative analysis and insights, it has been raiding multiple locations in various states over the past several months to identify and arrest these cadres and operatives.

ASSAM FLOOD

The flood situation in Assam deteriorated on Sunday affecting over 75,000 people, a bulletin said. The Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) report said the floods claimed a life in Sivasagar district.

06 KIDS — DROWN IN SEPARATE INCIDENTS IN JKHAND

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	42	27	Mumbai	35	29
Bhopal	43	28	Panaji	32	28
Jaipur	41	30	Patna	41	27
Amritsar	40	23	Lucknow	42	27
Chennai	39	30	Port Blair	34	28
Kolkata	36	26	Imphal	23	18
Srinagar	18	08	Chandigarh	42	23

'Oppn front old wine in old bottle'

Amit Shah says INDIA alliance comprises leaders implicated in graft worth ₹12 lakh crore

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UNION Home Minister Amit Shah attacked the opposition alliance on Sunday, comparing it with "old wine in an old bottle" and said it was a bunch of leaders implicated in corruption worth Rs 12 lakh crore.

Shah was addressing a gathering after laying the foundation stone for a regional centre of the National Security Guard (NSG) in Mansa town in Gandhinagar district.

Shah also hit out at Congress, claiming that throughout its reign, India's economy never advanced past the 11th position in the world, whereas Prime Minister Narendra Modi vaulted it to the 5th position.

"The UPA and Congress are a group of leaders involved in corrupt deals worth Rs 12 lakh crore. They've changed their name now. However, they must be referred to as UPA. Who will vote for those who have committed a ₹12 lakh crore scam?"

"Have you ever heard the expression 'old wine in a new bottle?" However, both the bottle and the wine in this case are ancient. So, don't be duped. The BJP will return to power with a landslide under PM Modi's leadership," he said.

Regarding regional languages, Shah said while he is not against English as a language, it is our responsibility to keep the Gujarati language alive.

Amit Shah flags off Tiranga Yatra ahead of Independence Day along with Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel in Ahmedabad on Sunday | PTI

"If a student does not learn Gujarati, he will not recognise Gujarat and the country. And if he does not recognise the country, he will never do anything good for it. If we do not introduce our children to the 15,000-year-old culture of our country, then we shall be responsible for endangering our culture," he said.

Ahead of India's 77th Independence Day, Shah appealed to the youth to dedicate themselves to Bharat Mata for 25 years of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal' to make India a great nation.

Shah and Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel flagged off Tiranga Yatra organised by the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) in the city.

"We no longer need to die for the country because we are independent. But, nobody can stop us from living for our country," Shah said.

On Prime Minister Narendra Modi's appeal, every house hoisted the national flag on August 15, 2022, he said.

If each of the one crore families in Gujarat hoist the Tricolour on their houses, then the entire state and the country will become 'tirangamay', the home minister said.

Shah said PM Modi has appealed to people to celebrate 25 years (from 2022) till August 15, 2047 as 'Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal' and use it to make the country great in every sphere.

"This Amrit Kaal is of special importance for our young generation. Like the young generation led the country's struggle for independence for 90 years and rid it of the shackles of colonialism, the young generation of today will have to dedicate itself to Bharat Mata for 25 years till 2047 and make India great," Shah said in his address.

As a result of the 90 years of freedom struggle between 1857 and 1947, India, the "mother of democracy", has been making its way as the world's largest democracy, he said.

"But I would like to tell the youth that behind our freedom lie the sacrifices of millions of people...The sacrifice of our forefathers is not just a sacrifice but a 'sanskar' for us all to live for the country. We no longer need to die for the country because we are independent. But nobody can stop us from living for our country," he said.

'New alliance should be referred to as UPA'

After laying the foundation stone for a regional centre of the NSG in Mansa town in Gandhinagar, Shah said: "The UPA and Congress are a group of leaders involved in corruption. They've changed their name now. However, they must be referred to as UPA. He said that throughout its reign, India's economy never advanced past the 11th position in the world, whereas PM it to the 5th position.

Kharge lashes out at PM, kicks off Cong campaign in C'garh

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

CONGRESS president Mallikarjun Kharge on Sunday lashed out at the Modi-led Centre, saying BJP's action on everything remains 'Ram Bharose' (at the mercy of God) as the saffron party has not fulfilled the its promises

Kharge sounded the poll bugle in the 'Bharose Ka Sammelan', organised by the ruling Congress at Janjgir-Champa district that has a predominant scheduled caste (SC) population. Chhattisgarh has 10 reserved SC seats but they have a say in around 45 out of the 90 constituencies of the state. Out of the 10 seats, the Congress has 7 MLAs, BJP two and BSP one legislator.

He said the BJP leaders know they cannot come to power in Chhattisgarh as the Bhupesh Baghel government has earned the Bharosa (trust) of the people. The BJP is desperately trying to scare Congress leaders and defame the Congress government by the raids of Enforcement Directorate, CBI and other agencies. "They did the same when our plenary session was held in Raipur early this year. But Congressmen cannot be intimidated by such acts and our party will win again with a massive mandate in Chhattisgarh", he stated.

SCHEDULED CASTE SEATS (10)			
	2008	2013	2018
Cong	04	01	07
BJP	05	09	02
BSP	01	00	01

The Congress president charged Prime Minister Narendra Modi for not breaking the silence on Manipur violence and said, "It was under compulsion and left with no choice that we brought a no confidence motion but Modi didn't speak out on the Manipur issue. Instead he made fun of Congress."

The PM has insulted the people of Chhattisgarh by comparing the situation of Manipur violence and conflict with Chhattisgarh, which is a peaceful state witnessing good governance, Kharge said.

Addressing the event, CM Baghel said that the Congress government has worked for the growth and empowerment of the common people. "Our government has put money in common people's pocket to bring a real change for them and the state", he averred.

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Speculation over BJP's 'pamphlet war'

Gujarat's political circle is buzzing over questions on the number of BJP leaders in the wake of the "Pamphlet War" are likely to be replaced or asked to be resigned. In the middle of this discussion, the Delhi leadership has slowed down on taking action against more leaders. Sources claim that if BJP leaders resign or are removed in large numbers before the Lok Sabha elections, the party's image will suffer. However, one thing is certain - following the BJP's internal strife, many senior leaders will be ousted, and new leaders will be appointed soon. Sources say BJP will undergo a massive rejig soon.

Congress invites Rahul to hold yatra in Gujarat

Rahul Gandhi has been invited by Gujarat Congress to officially launch the second phase of the Bharat Jodo Yatra from the region where the nation's idols Mahatma Gandhi and Sardar Patel are most closely identified. The Yatra is prepared to further the political debate by reaching regions from the east to the west of the country, building on the success of the first phase. Ruling BJP questioned Gujarat Congress leaders during the 2022 elections on Rahul's first Bharat Jodo Yatra, asking why the Yatra had not passed through Gujarat. The second phase begins from BJP's strong hold as an answer.

No truck with AAP, say state Cong leaders

Despite AAP-Congress Coalition Under INDIA, leaders in Delhi continue to be at war of words, with some spillovers in Gujarat now. When AAP's Gujarat President Isudan Gadhvi announced his intention to run for Lok Sabha in an alliance with the Congress, the Gujarat Congress promptly clarified that the partnership had not yet been formed. On the condition of anonymity, a top Gujarat Congress politician stated, "The AAP is responsible for the Congress's poor performance in the Gujarat assembly elections. Over 30 Congress seats were lost due to AAP, and those leaders who were defeated are upset with AAP leaders."

MP gets its 53rd district Mauganj ahead of polls

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

FIVE months after chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced introducing a new district out of the existing Rewa district of north-eastern Madhya Pradesh, the state released on Sunday, the order naming Mauganj as the 53rd district of the poll-bound state.

The state revenue department's Sunday order, mentioned about creating Mauganj district, which will comprise three tehsils, including Mauganj, Hanumana and Nai Garhi, which hitherto were part of Rewa district.

The order further mentioned that the Rewa district (after creation of Mauganj district out of it) will include nine tehsils, among them Teonthar, Hujur, Hujurnagar, Jawa, Raipur Karchuliyan, Gurh, Sirmour, Semaria and Mangawan.

On March 4, the Shivraj Singh Chouhan, had announced the creation of Mauganj district out of the existing Rewa district of Vindhya region.

Gehlot bars student union polls in Raj colleges, says too much money involved

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

IN a surprising turn of events, the eagerly anticipated student union elections in Rajasthan, will not be held this year. The decision was reached during a crucial meeting held by the Higher Education Department on Saturday night.

This move follows recent indications from Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot suggesting his opposition to holding the elections in the state. Gehlot expressed concerns about the exorbitant spending by student candidates, likening it to the financial extravagance seen in legislative elections.

"Today, students seem to be spending as if they are running for MLA-MP elections," remarked Chief Minister Gehlot. He raised questions about the sources of funding for these campaigns and the reasons behind the excessive financial outlays.

Gehlot further criticized certain student leaders who he believed were disregarding the recommendations put forth by the Lyngdoh Committee. He specifically cited the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) and pointed to a recent incident involving ABVP members connected to raping a minor girl during their campaign for the student union elections in Jodhpur.

The Higher Education Department justified the decision to forego the elections by referring to concerns raised by university vice-chancellors. These academic leaders emphasized the misuse of financial resources and intimidation tactics in student union elections, which is against the recommendations of the Lyngdoh Committee.

Additionally, it was feared that holding elections would disrupt the academic calendar and impede the implementation of the semester system under the NEP.

Students protest

Protests have erupted in the state in response to the decision. Student leaders from all over the state condemned the cancellation and warned of escalating protests if the government does not reconsider and announce a new poll date. They held government accountable for further unrest.

Villagers take to cow sheds as new cracks appear in Joshimath village

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

THE consequences of the devastating monsoon rain have started appearing in Uttarakhand. The administration has shifted nine families to relief camps as cracks appeared suddenly in their house after a landslide in submerged land in Pagnau village in Joshimath area. In Devrana village of Pauri district, cracks have occurred in many houses. Considering the situation, the administration officials are camping in the village.

The State Meteorological Centre, meanwhile, has issued a red alert in the state till August 15 in some districts, especially in many areas of Dehradun, Tehri, Pauri, Nainital, Udham Singh Nagar and Champawat districts.

"Fresh cracks have appeared in the houses in Pagnau village, 25 km from Joshimath. Many families had to leave their homes, some have taken shelter at their relatives' place, while other families are living in cow sheds and tents in the fields near the village," said a resident.

After the submergence of land in Joshimath, Karnaprayag and Kalsi, nine families of Pagnau village of Joshimath have been shifted to relief camps by the administration for safety. On Saturday, Joshimath Sub Divisional Magistrate Kumkum Joshi visited the village and took stock of the situation.

Joshimath SDM Kumkum Joshi along with villagers inspect the land submergence area in the affected village Pagnau | EXPRESS

"There are 120 families living in Pagnau village, while preparations are being made to relocate 35 families who have come under the ambit of the land disaster," Joshimath SDM Kumkum Joshi told this daily.

Dalbir Singh Pawar, former area panchayat member of Darmi, Molta and Pagano, said: "It is a natural calamity, 40 families have been affected due to leakage of lake water. The government should make immediate arrangements for the rehabilitation of these affected families."

In Devrana village of Pauri, many houses have developed big cracks and about 32 families of the village are in danger. According to information received from sources, due to torrential rains in Devrana of Dandamandal area of Yamkeshwar block of Pauri district, many houses have developed cracks and many houses have been damaged.

'Needy' farmers to get hunting permits in Punjab

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

AN improved wildlife habitat due to better management of the forest areas in Punjab over the years has led to an improvement in the herbivore population. The abundant prey base has attracted leopards from neighboring Himachal Pradesh. However, it has also caught the fancy of hunters — legal and illegal.

Two leopards and a barking deer were recently illegally hunted by professional hunters under the guise of limited hunting permits to farmers which were issued by the state government for shooting wild boar and nilgai (blue bull) "in the farmer's fields" as these animals damage crops.

Sources said the state government has allowed short-term permits to aggrieved farmers -- not to the hunters or others -- as was the case earlier. The hunted animal will be the property of the state government unlike previously when hunters would take away the animal.

Also only .315 bore gun is now allowed to hunt and not the most common .12 bore that sometimes does not kill but only results in grievous injuries to the animal, leading to a painful death.

The aim now is that if the animal causing damage to life and property needs to be killed, it should be killed in a single shot.

Sources said in the last meeting of the Punjab State Wildlife Board, headed by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, the board was informed that the divisional forest officers (DFOs) and sub-divisional officers (civil) were authorized by various notifications to issue permits for the limited hunting of wild animals in the state to prevent massive damage to crops. This limited hunting permit is applicable for the entire state except for Abohar and Fazilka.

The forest and wildlife department has taken note of illegal hunting being resorted to under the pretext of permits. Two such cases have come to light in Ropar wildlife division where poachers killed two leopards by gunshots even though the hunters did not have any land in the vicinity where the animals were killed.

In another case, a barking deer and a wild boar were hunted inside the forest area.

The board in the meeting cleared the proposed conditions that the permit for limited hunting should be given only to the aggrieved farmer suffering loss of crops, and not to an individual or a professional hunter.

Sources said that the conditions for hunting permits at Air Force stations to prevent damage to aircraft, equipment and employees of the Air Force by wild boars and blue bulls remain the same as per the state government notification issued earlier.

PCCF Wildlife, Punjab & Chief Wildlife Warden, Dharminder Sharma said, "The changes made to the conditions were necessitated in order to strike a balance between the welfare of farmers and the need to curb illegal hunting. The changes are also aimed at preventing painful death of the animals."

Saving crops from wild animals

350 permits
Issued by Punjab Wildlife & Forest Department per year in districts bordering Himachal Pradesh

Illegally hunted: Two leopards and a barking deer by professional hunters

Permit condition: State govt allows short-term permits to aggrieved farmers whose crops suffer damage. The hunted animal will be govt's property

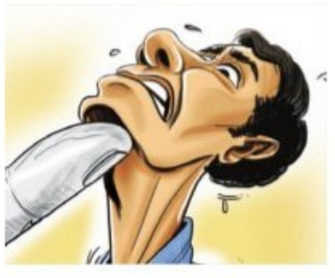
Two more senior students arrested in Jadavpur University ragging case

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

WITH the arrest of two more senior students of Jadavpur University on Sunday in connection with the death of a first-year student, the West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights (WBCPCR) visited the family of the deceased and said brutal torture and sexual assault were performed on the victim which corroborated the allegation of ragging.

Two second-year students were arrested and police said their names emerged during the course of interrogation of former student Sourabh Chowdhury, who were arrested earlier. "We arrested second-year students of the same university Deepshekhar Dutta of economics wing and Manotosh Ghosh of sociology. Interrogation of Sourabh revealed these two students were with him when Swapnodeep Kundu, the deceased, was being ragged," said a police officer.

All the arrested accused were booked under murder charges as Swapnodeep's family lodged complained of foul play behind the tragedy.



"We are exploring all possible angles. The investigation is being supervised by the highest level of officers," said Vineet Goyal, commissioner of Kolkata police.

Swapnodeep, a resident of Bagula in Nadia who took admission at the university on August 3, was found lying naked on the ground in front of the building that houses his hostel-room on the second-floor. He was rushed to a private hospital in an unconscious condition where he succumbed to his injuries. Later chairperson of the rights body Sudeshna Roy went to Jadavpur police station and interacted with the officers probing into the incident. The student's mother said that she was requested by her son to take her back home on the day of the incident.

Ananya Chakraborty, the advisor of the WBCPCR, who met Swapnodeep's family in Nadia, said, "Why there was no CCTV inside the university premises? The student faced torture and sexual assault. Three persons were arrested but in the death of the student, everyone in the administration has blood on their hands."

> **We arrested second-year students of the same college — Deepshekhar Dutta of economics wing and Manotosh Ghosh of sociology. Sourabh's Interrogation revealed they were with the deceased when he was getting ragged.** — Police officer

TWO

killed and two injured in a gas explosion at a restaurant in eastern China on Sunday

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • SW: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	25	23	SNY	Los Angeles	31	21	LC
Colombo	31	26	LC	Melbourne	16	11	HR
Dhaka	35	28	SNY	Moscow	26	15	HR
Dubai	38	31	SNY	New York	29	19	LC
Houston	39	27	SNY	Singapore	32	27	SNY
Istanbul	29	21	SNY	Toronto	23	15	LC
London	22	14	LC	Washington	29	18	SNY

Ukrainian soldiers fire a mortar towards Russian positions at the front line, near Bakhmut, Donetsk region in Ukraine on Saturday | AP

Russian shelling kills 23-day-old baby in Ukraine

Attack on Shyroka Balka in Kherson killed seven persons, France condemns the strikes

KYIV

SEVEN persons including a newborn baby, her 12-year-old brother and their parents were killed on Sunday by Russian shelling in the southern Ukrainian region of Kherson, officials said.

Also among the victims was a Christian pastor, officials said, adding that another 13 people received injuries.

The three adults and two kids were killed in the village of Shyroka Balka in Kherson, Interior Minister Igor Klymenko said on Telegram, releasing pictures showing the aftermath of the shelling attack. One photo showed a column of black smoke rising above a house.

> **A husband, wife and their 23-day-old daughter were killed by enemy artillery fire. Terrorists must be stopped... by force**
>
> Igor Klymenko, Ukraine's Interior Minister

"A husband, wife and their 23-day-old daughter were killed by enemy artillery fire," Igor Klymenko wrote. The couple's 12-year-old son was hospitalised in critical condition and later died, Klymenko added.

In the village of Stanislav two men aged 57 and 71 were killed, officials said. One of the victims was identified as a Christian pastor.

Another 13 people were injured as a result of Russian shelling, Klymenko said.

"Terrorists must be stopped. They must be stopped by force," Klymenko added.

France condemned the strikes on Kherson as "unacceptable acts that constitute war crimes that cannot remain unpunished."

"These new attacks on civilian populations shows once again Russia's complete disregard of all the principles of international humanitarian law, which it has blatantly and repeatedly violated," a foreign ministry spokeswoman said.

Kherson was one of four regions in Ukraine that Russian President Vladimir Putin claimed to have annexed last year.

Meanwhile, a Russian warship on Sunday fired warning shots at a Palau-flagged cargo ship in the south-western Black Sea, the first time Russia has fired on a merchant ship beyond Ukraine since exiting a grain deal last month.

As per Russia's Defence Ministry, the Sukru Okan was heading northwards to the Ukrainian Danube River port of Izmail. "The captain of the dry-cargo ship did not respond to the request to stop for inspection for the carriage of prohibited goods. To force the ship to stop, warning fire was opened from automatic small arms from a Russian warship," Russia's Ministry of Defence said, adding that the ship later stopped and allowed an inspection team to board. *Agencies*

Pak media watchdog bans coverage of people critical of army

Pakistan electronic media watchdog has stopped TV channels from giving air space to 11 people, including journalists, accused of criticising the military and the Shehbaz Sharif-led previous government and declared 'proclaimed offenders' or absconders by courts

DECISION FROM THE SINDH HC

The Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (Pemra) issued a directive on Saturday, citing a decision from the Sindh High Court that such people cannot enjoy certain rights like appearing on television, the *Dawn* reported

PEMRA ORDINANCE 2002

PEMRA

Pemra directive has also said that under section 27 of Pemra Ordinance 2002, hereby prohibits media coverage of above-mentioned individuals being proclaimed offenders on electronic media and refrain from airing any news, reports, statements or tickers of these individuals

While warning the news channels of serious penalties in case of a violation of the directive, Pemra has also referred the matter to the Council of Complaints, reported *Dawn*

SILENCING CRITICS

These people have been implicated in different cases, a familiar tactic to silence critics in Pakistan, and declared 'proclaimed offenders' for failing to appear before courts. It is believed that they have fled the country to evade their arrests

JOURNALISTS SUPPORTING IMRAN

- Shakir, Peerzada, Saeed Khan and Sehbai are journalists who are considered supporters of ex-PM Imran Khan
- Saeed, Awan and Azhar were part of Imran Khan's government
- Adil Farooq Raja is a former Army major who lives in the UK and has been critical of the Army because of the treatment meted out to Imran Khan

Who are the people?

Sabir Shakir • Moid Peerzada • Wajahat Saeed Khan • Shaheen Sehbai • Adil Farooq Raja • Ali Nawaz Awan • Murad Saeed • Hammad Azhar • Syed Akbar Hussain • Haider Raza Mehdi • Farrukh Habib

Landslide death toll rises sharply to 21 in North China

BEIJING

THE death toll from a landslide triggered by heavy rains in northern China has risen sharply to at least 21, authorities said on Sunday, with six others missing.

"Twenty-one people were found dead so far, and six others are still missing," the Xi'an emergency management bureau said on Sunday. State media had put the toll at four earlier on Sunday. A mountain flash flood in the village of Weiziping, south of Xi'an in Shaanxi province, caused a landslide on Friday that swept away two houses and damaged roads, bridges, electricity supply and other infrastructure, national public radio *CNR* reported earlier.

A hundred soldiers as well as firefighters were mobilised for the relief operations "which are continuing" on Sunday.

According to the Xi'an emergency management bureau statement, more than 980 people were mobilised for the rescue effort, using life detectors and search dogs. The landslide "destroyed" two houses and caused power cuts in 900 homes, it said. "According to experts, the cause of the disaster is a flash flood mud-rock flow caused by short-term torrential rain," the statement said. *AFP*

China vows forceful action over Taiwan VP's US visit

BEIJING

CHINA on Sunday vowed "resolute and forceful measures" over a weekend trip by Taiwan Vice President William Lai to the United States.

Lai—the front runner in Taiwan's presidential elections next year—is officially making only transit stops in the United States en route to and from Paraguay, where he will attend the inauguration of president-elect Santiago Pena.

"China is closely following the development of the situation and will take resolute and forceful measures to safeguard national sovereignty and territorial integrity," an unnamed spokesperson for the foreign ministry said in a statement published online.

Lai has been far more outspoken about independence than Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen, to whom Beijing is already hostile as she refuses to accept its view that Taiwan is a part of China. The Harvard-educated doctor turned politician has previously described himself as a "pragmatic Taiwan independence worker," and reiterated this week that Taiwan was "not part of the People's Republic of China (PRC)."

"The Republic of China and PRC are not subordinate to each other," he said, using Taiwan's official name.

On landing in New York on Sunday, Lai tweeted, "Happy to arrive at the Big Apple, icon of liberty, democracy and opportunities," adding that he was greeted at the airport by representatives of the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT), the United States's de facto embassy for the island. *AFP*

Deadliest blaze in the US in 100 yrs as toll in Maui hits 93

A volunteer makes damage assessment of charred apartment complex in the aftermath of a wildfire in Lahaina, western Maui, Hawaii on Saturday | AP

LAHAINA

AS the death toll from a wildfire that razed a historic Maui town climbed to 93, authorities warned that the effort to find and identify the dead was still in its early stages.

The blaze is already the deadliest United States wildfire in more than a century.

Crews with cadaver dogs have covered just 3% of the search area, Maui Police Chief John Pelletier said in a statement on Saturday.

"We've got an area that we have to contain that is at least 5 square miles, and it is full of our loved ones," he said, noting that the number of dead is likely to grow and "none of us really know the size of it yet."

Federal emergency workers marked the ruins of homes with a bright orange "X" to indicate an initial search, and "HR" when they found human remains.

Pelletier said identifying the dead is challenging because "we pick up the remains and they fall apart." The remains have been through "a fire that melted metal." Only two people have been identified so far, he added.

During the search efforts, the barks of cadaver dogs alerting their handlers to potential remains echoed over the hot, colourless landscape.

"It will certainly be the worst natural disaster that Hawaii ever faced," Gov. Josh Green said. "We can only wait and support those who are living. Our focus now is to reunite people when we can and get them housing and get them health care, and then turn to rebuilding."

At least 2,200 buildings were damaged or destroyed in West Maui, Green said, nearly all of them residential. Across the island, damage was estimated at close to $6 billion.

The Upcountry fire affected 544 structures, most of them homes, Green said.

Around 4,500 people are in need of shelter, county officials said on Facebook, citing figures from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Pacific Disaster Center.

Pelletier encouraged people with missing family members to go to a family assistance center to take a DNA test. *AP*

TARGETING GWADAR PORT

Convoy carrying Chinese workers in Pak attacked

QUETTA

TWO separatist militants were killed on Sunday when they attacked a convoy carrying Chinese workers to a Beijing-financed port project in Pakistan's Balochistan province, officials said.

A spokesman for China's consulate in Karachi said none of its nationals were killed or wounded in the attack, and urged Chinese citizens to heighten their vigilance.

The Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) said on Sunday two of its fighters died in a "self-sacrificing" attack on a convoy going to Gwadar port in Pakistan's southwest.

"The operation has concluded with the elimination of two assailants," a senior police official told *AFP*, adding that three Pakistani soldiers were wounded.

China's consulate in Karachi said it had asked Pakistan to "severely punish the perpetrators and take concrete and effective measures to ensure the safety of Chinese citizens, institutions and projects."

"A Chinese convoy from the Gwadar port project was hit by roadside bombs and gunfire on its way back to the port area from the Gwadar Airport," it said in a statement. "No Chinese citizens were killed or injured."

The BLA, which frequently exaggerates its successes, claimed in a statement that four Chinese workers and nine Pakistani soldiers had died in the attack.

No fair share of profits for Baloch

The CPEC project seeks to link China's Xinjiang to Gwadar port in Balochistan. Baloch people have long complained they do not get a fair share of the province's profits, giving rise to separatist groups.

As per Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), the military's media wing, the terrorists attacked at 10 am, using small arms and hand grenades. "However, due to the efficient and swift response, two terrorists were sent to hell with no harm to any military or civil persons," the ISPR said. *Agencies*

EXPRESS READ

Russia evacuates 2,000 in Far East flooding

Moscow: Over 2,000 people have been evacuated from flooded areas of Primorye in Russia. "More than 2,000 people, including 405 children, have been evacuated in Primorye," the Russian Emergency Situations Ministry said. Over 4,300 residential buildings were flooded and 28 settlements cut off by floodwaters, with 16 of the region's districts affected.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients **Smt.Narayanamma and others** has filed the Petitioners have filed the above petition for death certificate of **Chikkanagappa S/o Late Poojappa, was died on 20-09-2001**, at Budigere Village, Channarayapatna Hobli, Devanahalli taluk, Bangalore Rural District, if any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Addl Civil Judge and J.M.F.C at Devanahalli and date of hearing on **13/09/2023 at 11-00 A.M in C.Mis.No.280/2023,**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli

Gangadhara .M, Advocate

IN THE COURT OF THE 2nd ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT DEVANAHALLI.

C.Mis.No. 272/2023

BETWEEN : Sri. Channakeshava ...Petitioners

AND: The Thasildar, Devanahalli Taluk

...Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my client Channakeshava have filed the petition for death certificate of **C. Narayanappa S/o Late. Chikkachannarayappa expired on 25-03-2020** at Chikkanahalli Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. If any of the parties who have objections or claims may dispute regarding the same could and same any other interested persons appear before the 2nd ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE and J.M.F.C at Devanahalli on date of hearing on **15.09.2023 at 11-00 AM** in C.Mis. No. 272/2023.

By the order of Hon'ble Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli.

Advocate for Petitioner : Address for Service:

Sri. Ambarish .D.M, Advocate

Office at, 1st Floor, Abay Complex, Sulibele Road, Devanahalli Town.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

To the General Public at large, we hereby notify that, Our Clients, **Sri PURUSHOTTHAMA V.**, Aged about 55 years, S/o. Venkatanarappa, AADHAAR: 2460 9348 7305, PAN: ADTPP8660M **Sri PARTHASARATHI V.**, Aged about 49 years, S/o. Venkatanarappa, AADHAAR: 3030 5182 3902, PAN: AEFPP9941Q, Both residing at: ULLURU PETE, Ward No. 11, Sidlaghatta Town, Chikkaballapura District, Karnataka – 562 105 have intended to purchase the immovable property from Sri DANIEL RAJKAMAL A., Aged about 54 years, S/o. Late A. Victor Edwin, Residing at FF 03, Sumukha Shanthi Apartment, 43rd Main Road, 52nd Cross, Uttarahalli Lake, PP Layout, Uttarahalli, Bangalore South, Bengaluru - 560 061 AADHAAR: 339716221800, PAN: AKEPD2275J Same being commercial P.G. building consisting of Ground Floor + 4 Floors property bearing Site No. 34, Assessment No. 170/2, Old Khatha No. 170/2, Present BBMP Khatha/ Sl. No. 9241/170/2/34, situated at KATTIGENAHALLI VILLAGE, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently comes within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Jakkur Ward No. 05, Kattigenahalli, Bangalore, and measuring: East to West:(40-0+43-0)/2 41.5 Feet North to South :30-0 Feet, Totally measuring : 1245 Square Feet, and bounded on the: **EAST BY:**30 Feet BBMP Road, **WEST BY:**Private Property, **NORTH BY:**Site No. 35, **SOUTH BY:** Site No. 33. The Persons who are claiming any rights and interest title over the above mentioned Property may kindly reply to us along with their objections, Claims, title, interest, pending litigations, tenancy, mortgage, Charge, lien or demand or any other interest of Whatsoever in nature along with documentary evidence in respect of the above mentioned property **within 7 days** from this Publication of Notice or otherwise it will be considered as no claims to the above mentioned Property to purchase the same from our clients. And no claims and objections will be entertained after the period expiry of this notice and shall not bind on our clients any more.

CONTACT:

INDRA DHANUSH ADVOCATE

No.2, I Floor, II Main Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru – 560001 M: 996 496 3333

IN THE HON'BLE COURT OF 57th ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSION JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BENGALURU (CCH-58)

O.S No. 26965/2022

Between : Mr. Abdul Mujeeb, S/o Abdul Rahim @ Abdul Hameed, Aged about 47 years, Residing at No. 45/2, Cockburn Road, Civil Station, Bangalore - 560051. **...Plaintiff**

And : Mrs. Hanumakka and others

...Defendants

Summons to Defendants No.1 to 5

1. Mrs. Hanumakka Wife of Late Annaiah **...Defendant No.1**

2. Mr. Devaraj, Son of Late Annaiah **...Defendant No.2**

3. Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Daughter of Late Annaiah **...Defendant No.3**

4. Mrs. Devikala Daughter of Late Annaiah

The Defendants No.1 to 4 are /Residing at No.821, 9th Main Road, Gokula 1st Stage, Mathikere, Bengaluru-560 054. **...Defendant No.4**

5. Mr. Venkataraju .H.S Son of Srinivas Murty Residing at No.136, Rahmathnagar, R.T. Nagar, Bengaluru-560032. **...Defendant No.5**

Whereas the Plaintiffs have instituted the above suit before the Hon'ble 57th Additional City Civil and Session Judge, Mayohall Unit, at Bengaluru (CCH-58) against the aforesaid Defendants and others seeking for the permanent injunction and other reliefs in respect of below mentioned suit schedule property.

Therefore, you are hereby summoned to appear before Hon'ble 57th Additional City Civil and Session Judge, Mayohall Unit, CCH-58 either in peers or through pleader duly instructed on **25th September 2023 at 11.00 am** to answer the claim, failing which the case will be heard and disposed of ex-parte.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property Municipal bearing No. 45/2, BBMP PID No. 79-117-45/2, measuring on the East side : 15 ft. on the west side 15 ft. on the North side 23. Ft and on the south the 22 ft totally measuring 337.5 Sq.ft situated at Cockburn Road, Civil Station, Bengaluru-560 051, presently coming under the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, BBMP, Ward No.79, Shivajinagar Ward, Bengaluru and building constructed thereon consisting of Ground plus Three upper Floors and bounded on:

East by : Private Property (previously) premises No. 7 & 8 Slaughter House Road, D Street, **West by :** Cockburn Road, **North by :** Private Property, **South by :** Private Property.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court, this 09th day of August 2023.

By Order of the Court, Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore.

Advocate for Plaintiff : **Mabu Subani.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **SRI. KANNAN. N.S,** Aged about 59 Years, Son of Sri.N.S. Shallapullai Iyengar, No.3, F-1, 4th Floor, "Nithyanest Apartment", 1st Main Road, Maruthi Layout, Vasanthapura, Bengaluru - 560 061, had entered into a Agreement of Sale, 07.06.2023 to purchase the below mentioned the schedule property from **SMT. AMALA PAWAR. N,** Aged about 33 Years, Daughter of Late. B. Narayan Rao, Wife of Sri. Rakesh Rao. V, Residing at No.3985/2, 17th "E" Cross, 7th Main Road, Near Banashankari Post Office, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560 070, she having purchased the same along with her parents, from their previous owner, through a registered Sale Deed, dated 29.04.2002, any person/s having any right, title, interest, claim in or to the Schedule Property or any part thereof by way of any agreement, Contract, lease, trust, inheritance, gift, possession, mortgage, exchange or any such deed / instrument of transfer easement or otherwise, may submit their objections/claims in writing with us at the under mentioned address by Registered Post Acknowledgement due, along with supporting documents, within 7 days from the date of this publication. Any objections received thereafter will not be binding on Our Clients and my Client shall proceed with the purchase of schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immoveable house property bearing No.1, 4 and 5, out of Katha No.18/1, Situated at Hulimavu Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now the schedule property comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru, BBBMP Ward No.193, Bommanahalli Range, Arekere Su-Division, **BBMP allotted Katha No.1747/18/1/1, 4 and 5,** measuring **East to West: 100 Feet** and **North to South: 50 Feet,** in all **totally measuring 1500 Square Feet** and bounded on the:- **East by :** Conservancy, **West by :** Property No.7, **North by :** Property No.2,3 and 6, **South by :** 50 feet Road.

Sd/- **K.S. SREEKANTHA,** Advocate No.74/2, 1st Floor, 4th Main, 5th Cross, N.R. Colony, Bengaluru - 560 004.

Place: Bengaluru Date : 14.08.2023

VIJAYA BANK EMPLOYEES' HOUSING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD.,

 # 65, 3rd Cross, 1st Main, MSRS Nagar, Bilekahalli, Bengaluru-560 076. Phone: 080- 41506198

NOTICE

The 42nd Annual General Body meeting of the Vijaya Bank Employees' Housing Co-operative Society Ltd., for the year 2022-23, will be held on Sunday, the **24th September 2023 at 9.00 AM,** at **Mulki Sunder Ram Shetty Sabhangana,** M.S.R.S.Nagar, Bilekahalli, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-560076.

All the members are requested to participate in the meeting.

Date: 11.08.2023 **K.Vishwanath Naik**

Place: Bengaluru President

Mahatma Phule Renewable Energy and Infrastructure Technology Limited

MAHAPREIT (Subsidiary of MPBCDC, a Government of Maharashtra undertaking)

NOTICE FOR INVITING REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION(RFQ)

MAHAPREIT invites Request for Qualification (RFQ) for Short listing of Agencies/Contractors cum Developers for the Construction of Mass Housing and Development of Infrastructure for the Implementation of the Urban Renewal Scheme in Thane.

Interested Agencies/Contractors cum Developers may submit their documents on or before **03-10-2023 up to 05:00 PM.** Details of the RFQ can be viewed at **https://mahapreit.in**

Project Director

FORM NO.14 [See Regulation 33 (2)]

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1-BENGALURU

BSNL Building , 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560001

DRC NO: 478/2019

Canara Bank, Branch Office amongst others at: RMV Extension, Bengaluru. **...Certificate Holder**

Versus

Sri. Nagadeep.P.B **...Certificate Debtor(s)**

DEMAND NOTICE

To

Sri. Nagadeep.P.B, S/o. Late Brahmappa.P, R/at: No.12, 24th Cross, Attur Layout, Bengaluru-560 064.

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **OA No.1030/2017** passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bengaluru on **31/05/2019** an amount of **Rs. 20,55,118/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh Fifty Five Thousand One Hundred and Eighteen Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization. You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay:

a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings.

b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this **12 day of July 2019.**

Sd/- RECOVERY OFFICER-II, DRT-I: BENGALURU

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below: **"Rule 16(1)** where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. 2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".

IN THE COURT OF THE XII ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH - 27)

IN THE MATTER OF THE INDIAN SUCCESSION ACT, 1925

AND

IN THE MATTER OF THE GOODS OF LATE MRS. KAMALA SETURAM

P. & S.C. No. 266 OF 2023

BETWEEN: **Mrs. RENU PRASAD,** aged 61 years, wife of late Mr. T.D. Prasad, Daughter of late Mr. K.M. Seturam & late Mrs. Kamala Seturam, permanently residing at Flat 301, Gangothri Apartments, No. 12, Gangadhara Chetty Road, Ulsoor, Bengaluru - 560042, and presently residing at S-455, Ground Floor, Greater Kailash - 2, New Delhi - 110048. **...PETITIONER**

AND: NIL **...RESPONDENT**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above-named Petitioner, being the daughter and sole Class I legal heir under Hindu Law of late Mrs. Kamala Seturam, has presented the above petition under Sections 371 & 372 of Part X of the Indian Succession Act, 1925, seeking a Succession Certificate in respect of the properties and assets described in the Schedule below of the late Mrs. Kamala Seturam who died intestate on 3rd May 2013 at Bengaluru.

Be it known that if no caveat is lodged on or before **25.09.2023 at 11.00 A.M.,** in the Court of the XII Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge, Bengaluru (CCH-27), the Court shall proceed to grant a Succession Certificate to the Petitioner in respect of the Schedule properties and assets.

SCHEDULE

8,640 Equity Shares of ITC Limited of the face value Rs. 1/- each held by the late Mrs. Kamala Seturam in Account No. 19/16284 having a market value of Rs. 32,76,288/- at the rate of Rs. 379.20 per equity share, with the following details.

Sl No	Certificate No	Certificate Date	No.of Shares	Distinctive Nos.
1)	49093	28/09/2005	1,920	83665721 -83667640
2)	115312	05/10/2005	960	2545263866 -2545264825
3)	186480	06/08/2010	2,880	3908135058 -3903137937
4)	257321	07/07/2016	2,880	8104001221 -8104004100
		Total =	8,640/-	

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court on this the 10th day of August 2023.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

Advocate for Petitioner: **P.B. APPIAH,** Advocate No. 9, Hayes Road, Richmond Town, Bengaluru - 560 025.

IN THE COURT OF THE 6th ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE

P & S.C.No. 435 OF 2023 (CCH-11)

BETWEEN : 1. SMT. SHEELA SHARASCHANDRA DESHMUKH, W/o. Late Air Commodore Dr. Sharaschandra P. Deshmukh D/o. Late Madhavrao Balwantrao Savie, aged about 76 years, Homemaker Permanently Residing At # 4/6, 4th Floor, Apurva Sree Apartments, 3rd Cross, Near Vidya Sagar School, Bhupasandra Main Road, Bangalore - 560094.

REPRESENTED BY HER GPA HOLDER 2ND PETITIONER /SON

2. SRI. ANIRUDDHA SHARASCHANDRA DESHMUKH, S/o. Late Air Commodore Dr. Sharaschandra P. Deshmukh, Age: 56 Years, Service, Residing At # A-304 & A-503, Panchvan Complex, Behind Mary Immaculate School, Borivali West Mumbai - 400103. In Bangalore Reside At # 4/6, 4th Floor, Apurva Sree Apartments, 3rd Cross, Near Vidya Sagar School, Bhupasandra Main Road, Bangalore - 560094.

3. SRI. AVINASH SHARASCHANDRA DESHMUKH, S/o. Late Air Commodore Dr. Sharaschandra P. Deshmukh, Age: 53 Years, Service Permanently Residing # 4/6, 4th Floor, Apurva Sree Apartments, 3rd Cross, Near Vidya Sagar School, Jasandra Main Road, Bangalore 560094. Represented By His GPA Holder 2nd Petitioner /brother

4. SMT. MEDHA PRASHANT DUBEY NEE MEDHA SHARASCHANDRA DESHMUKH, D/o. Late Air Commodore Dr. Sharaschandra P. Deshmukh, Age: 50 years, Professional Permanently Residing At # 56,1st Floor, Denning Road, South Civil Lines, Near Leonard School, Jabalpur - 482001, M.P. State Represented By Her GPA Holder 2nd Petitioner /brother **...PETITIONERS**

AND : THE CHIEF MANAGER, STATE BANK OF INDIA, Branch # 1316, Hebbal Branch, Hebbal, Bengaluru - 560024. **...RESPONDENT**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above named have made a petition to this court under Sections 372 of the Indian Succession Act 1928 for the grant of a Succession Certificate in favour of the Petitioners, in respect of the schedule mentioned below. The below mentioned schedule has held by AIR COMMODORE DR. SHARASCHANDRA P. DESHMUKH, husband of petitioner # 1 and father of Petitioner If 2 to 4 herein who expired on 28/01/2018.

Interested parties are hereby called to appear in this court in person or by the pleader duly instructed on **11/09/2023 at 11.00 a.m.** inform to show cause against the petitioners failing wherein the appearance will be heard and declared as EX-parte.

SCHEDULE

The petitioner is entitled to claim all benefits from the respondent PPF A/C 30061038316 maintained at State Bank of India, Hebbal Branch, and also entitled to the sum of 2,555,499.39 (Rupees Twenty-Five lakhs Fifty-Five thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Nine and paise Thirty-Nine only) balance & accrued interest thereon in the said account as well as to withdraw/transfer to any other account where said amounts are parked.

Given under my hand & seal of the court, this 09.08.2023.

By Order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

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₹3,200 cr have been infused by foreign investors in Indian equities so far this month, driven by uncertainty in global markets

Do not disproportionately raise exposure to small, mid-cap stocks

Investors who wish to participate in new growth stories can invest in mid and small cap funds but these funds are likely to give lower returns in coming months

SACHIN KUMAR @ Mumbai

WITH the stock market rallying to new highs in recent months, mutual funds have seen record inflows of investors' money. Within the mutual fund industry, small cap mutual fund schemes have emerged as star performers attracting record funds from investors in the past few months.

Net inflows into small cap equity mutual funds touched a record high of ₹5,472 crore in June, according to the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) data. In July, the net inflows in small cap funds reached ₹4,171 crore. Investors have poured in ₹22,040 crore in small cap funds since January this year.

Showing a similar trend, mid cap mutual schemes have caught investors' attention. Mid cap equity mutual fund schemes garnered ₹1,749 crore in June and ₹1,623 crore in July. While inflows in small and mid-cap funds have swelled, the investors turned a blind eye to large cap funds and pulled out investment from these funds. The large cap equity mutual fund schemes witnessed ₹2,049 crore outflow in June and ₹1,880 crore in July.

INVESTORS CHASE BETTER RETURNS
21% RISE IN BSE SMALLCAP INDEX SINCE JANUARY THIS YEAR
28% Rise in BSE SmallCap Index in past four months (April-July)
12.5% Increase in BSE Sensex in past four months (April-July)
7% Rise in BSE Sensex since January this year

INFLOWS AND OUTFLOWS IN MUTUAL FUND SCHEMES (IN RS CRORE)

	SMALL CAP FUND	MID CAP FUND	LARGE CAP FUND
January	2256	1628	716
February	2246	1816	3049
March	2430	2128	2773
April	2182	1791	53
May	3283	1196	-1362
June	5472	1749	-2049
July	4171	1623	-1880

Source- AMFI

Surge in small and mid cap

Investors' money is chasing high growth and profitability and small and mid cap companies have lived up to their expectations. Stock prices of small cap companies have risen sharply in the past few months which is visible in the outperformance of small cap index. While the BSE Sensex risen nearly 7% since January this year, the BSE SmallCap Index has surged 21% in the same duration. In the past four months (April-July), the BSE SmallCap Index has soared 28% while Sensex has risen 12.5%.

"Over the last three years, Nifty Midcap 150 index, and Nifty Small Cap index have outperformed Nifty 100 Index, by delivering more than 30% compound annual growth rate (CAGR) returns, compared to around 20% CAGR by Nifty 100. Stupendous performance by small and midcap indices during last three years have pulled up their long term return as well, and investors are naturally attracted by past returns provided by any asset class. This seems to be the reason behind increased inflow in these funds," Dikshit Mittal, Fund Manager and Senior Equity Research Analyst, LIC Mutual Fund Asset Management told this newspaper. India is a developing country, many upcoming sectors like QSR (Quick Service Restaurant), logistics, building materials, and many sub segments in manufacturing are still in infancy stage, and are available only in mid and small cap space. "Mid cap and small cap stocks have outperformed the large cap companies over the last few quarters, leading to higher persistent inflows into mid and small cap funds. There has been a tailwind for companies in form of benefits accruing from formalisation of the economy and consumer premiumisation," Sandeep Bagla, CEO, Trust Mutual Funds said.

What should retail investors do?

The going has been good so far for the small and mid cap funds but investors should not get swayed by their past performance. Small cap schemes offer higher returns compared to large-caps but they carry more volatility. Experts recommend investing for long term in small and mid cap funds. "The inflows are as a result of past performance of funds. The inflows could moderate going ahead if markets correct. Investors should note that Small and Mid Cap Funds carry relatively higher risk and they should have at least five years or more horizon while investing in this category," Ajit Menon, CEO, PGIM India Mutual Fund said. "We recommend investors to take the guidance of a trusted advisor who can help investors understand their risk profile and invest as per their life goals," Menon added.

The exposure of retail investors to mid cap and small cap funds should be in proportion to their overall equity allocation. Better than expected performance in the past few months should not lure investors to increase investment disproportionally to one particular fund category.

"Markets can overshoot the fair value estimates both in bullish as well as bearish conditions, on the higher as well as the lower side. There is strong momentum in small and mid cap funds which may not sustain due to tight liquidity conditions and moderation in valuations. Investors should limit their exposure to mid cap and small cap funds at a prudent proportion to their overall equity allocation," said Bagla.

According to experts, diversification should be the key to investment strategy and investors should avoid overexposure to a specific asset class.

Will small & mid cap funds continue to shine?

The impressive performance of small and mid cap funds is unlikely to continue. The pace of inflows into small and mid cap funds is expected to slow down in coming months due to high valuation and slowdown in earnings of these companies.

Small and midcap funds will continue to attract investors as they have the potential to generate higher returns as compared to large cap funds over the long run.

"It is difficult to take a call on flows in the short term as inflows are dependent on many factors including past returns, level of optimism in mind of investors and performance of alternative asset classes. However, what we have seen in last many years is that though flows are cyclical in short term, but over the long term, trajectory is upwards as India is still a hugely underpenetrated market as far as equity investments is concerned," said Dikshit Mittal.

MONEY MATTERS

WHY FINANCIAL FREEDOM IS ABOUT YOUR RISK APPETITE

FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE

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FINANCIAL freedom is an undefined goal. It is an idea that makes you smile when you think about it. For many of you, it means not going through the grind daily. In terms of personal finance, it means your money earns enough money to pay for your living expenses. For that purpose, you need to work harder than you do now. You must focus on achieving financial milestones before your presumed retirement age. It is usually considered to be 60.

To achieve financial freedom, you need to invest wisely and regularly. These challenges make you take risks in an area that may not be your core competency. You could be a doctor or an engineer and would not know much about interest rates and financial market cycles.

Your investment is subject to market risk. You will often hear this warning from mutual funds. They warn you of potential losses while investing in equity assets. Mutual funds also warn you about debt markets. Credit and interest rate risks may indirectly affect the value of your unitholding. The government and regulators are keen to warn you about the pitfalls ahead as you are willing to put your hard-earned money to work.

Your risk appetite is related to your ability to earn a regular income. If you are confident about your income, you can risk your money. At different stages in your life, you will have a different confidence level about your income. It does not matter how much you earn. You must create a monthly surplus and regularly invest in equity assets to create wealth. You must learn about paying yourself first. That means saving money and investing for your retirement early in your life. Your long-term goals that require more savings need adequate time to beat inflation and grow for your needs.

All of that assumes you generate a steady monthly income, and your income will grow yearly. If you land up with significant wealth through inheritance or by selling an asset, you must put it to work to enhance your risk appetite. If you create a secondary source of income by investing that lump sum into a fixed-income instrument, that money is perhaps your risk appetite. You are still energetic enough to work and earn. At the same time, your money will work and generate an additional income you can invest. Your risk appetite enhances significantly as a result. You can allocate more money to equity assets and have the ability to ride through market cycles. You are also uniquely positioned to buy more equity when others are fearful and sell when there is euphoria.

You need to choose your path wisely when it comes to taking risks. Do not risk your only source of income entirely on equity assets. For example, many people feel confident about increasing the allocation to equity in sunset years after receiving retirement money. A lot of you believe that you should invest when you have money. However, that is a risky approach. Your retirement money is not for your life after your retirement and not for risking it. As explained earlier, your ability to take risks depends on your future income. If you think your inheritance or assets will likely generate a regular income in perpetuity, you can keep buying quality equity assets forever. Legendary American investor Warren Buffett is still looking to deploy over $100bn cash on the Berkshire Hathaway balance sheet at the age of 94. He is comfortable waiting and riding through stock market falls or making the most of stock market rallies because he has managed to save and invest regularly over decades.

You can learn new skills and ensure they help you generate an income even without a regular job. Your financial freedom rests solely on your ability to boost your risk appetite.

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MONEY-WISE

IS IT THE RIGHT TIME TO INVEST IN MARKETS?

FINANCIAL ADVICE

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THE Index has reached 67,000 (Sensex). Is it the right time to sell some shares and sit on the side-lines?

Should I stop my SIP and start after some time?

Should I reduce my SIP in large-cap funds and invest in mid-cap funds?

I have been asked this question at 25000, at 35k, and of course at 50k and now at 67k. The truth is, I have no idea.

This looks like a simple question, but it has the following questions hidden in it:

- Will the market fall from here?
- If it falls how long will it be down?
- When should I start buying again?
- When should I start doing the SIP again?
- Will Mid-cap perform better than Large-cap?
- Till what level will it fall?
- Should I start buying in 2/3 months or wait longer?
- Is this wrong?

Honestly, let us say I tell the reader "I do think the market is too high, you should sell your Large cap shares (Sensex represents the large cap shares, right?) and wait" – and the reader does that.

Then let us assume that the market goes to 69000 in a week – and then falls to 55000, do you think the reader will be happy?

No. He may have panicked and bought again at 61000 and felt good at 62000! Or he might be cursing me for the WRONG advice – or wrong reading of the market. Later on, he is likely to tell me "You could have asked me to sell at 67000 instead of 65000".

People anchor around round numbers like 60000 or 70000 – maybe because it is easy. Actually this is just a number and has absolutely no significance in the life of an index.

Most of us know that saying "now the market will do this or that" makes no sense – however, it does attract a lot of readers who think that there is a simple answer.

In the long run for a person to make money, there is no great need to be able to predict how the market will move in the next month or next quarter. If they are optimistic about the prospects of the world or any one country in particular, they should just invest in the index of that country. Still in doubt about which country will do well? Then the best fund to invest is a World Index. It is as simple as that.

There are enough people who will tell you that people have lost money waiting for the market to change – and the opportunity lost while waiting is really huge. If you are really a long-term investor please do not wait for the 'Market to correct' – it is difficult. Just start a SIP and keep investing REGULARLY. If you see the markets coming down, just put a lump sum into the same fund from time to time. This will ensure that you accumulate a decent time over the next few decades – and you will have enough money to meet your goals.

Retail inflation in July may have shot up beyond 6.5%, feel analysts

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

WITH vegetable and cereal prices shooting up in July, retail inflation is likely to go past the RBI's higher tolerance level of 6% in July. Analysts believe the July inflation could be around 6.5%, a sharp increase compared to 4.8% in June. The rise in inflation in July will be largely caused by the increase in food prices with prices of vegetables and cereals being the main culprits.

Quite aware of the situation, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) also revised its FY24 inflation estimate from 5.1% earlier to 5.4%. The Central Bank expects the second quarter inflation (July-September) to be 6.2%.

In line with RBI's Q2 inflation numbers, most analysts predict the retail inflation to be around 6.5%.

"The spike in vegetable prices is set to push the July CPI inflation well above the MPC's (monetary policy committee's) 6.5% upper threshold. The subsequent rise in prices of various other food items suggest that the CPI inflation will revert below 6.0% only by September 2023," says Aditi Nayar, Chief Economist, Head Research and Outreach, ICRA Ltd.

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Madhavi Arora, lead economist, Emkay Global Financial Services, expects the July inflation to be around 6.6% helped by cereal and vegetable prices.

The bigger concern is that tomatoes are no longer the sole reason for higher inflation pressure.

According to QuantEco research, tomato dominated inflationary concerns are morphing into broad-based price pressures seen across other food categories such as cereals, milk, pulses, spices etc. – the durability of which needs to be watched for.

Therefore, QuantEco feels inflation in July-August could be in the 6-7% range. Yuvika Singhal, an economist with QuantEco, says that July inflation could even touch 6.7%.

The government will announce the July 2023 retail inflation (or Consumer Price Inflation) number today.

Ad revenue income from X liable to GST

PTI @ New Delhi

REMUNERATION received by individuals from X (formerly Twitter), as part of its advertisement revenue sharing plan, will be treated as supply under the GST law and will be subject to 18% tax, experts said.

The tax will kick in if the total income from various services, including rental income, interest on bank fixed deposit, and other professional services, rendered by an individual exceeds ₹ 20 lakh in a year.

X has started advertisement revenue sharing for its X Premium subscribers or verified organisations. The account needs to have 15 million organic impressions on the posts in the last three months and have at least 500 followers to be able to be part of this revenue sharing programme.

Reliance Industries may invest around ₹14,000 crore in subsidiaries, JVs in FY24

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

RELIANCE Industries would likely invest around ₹14,200 crore in its subsidiaries in the current financial year, the company informed the exchanges on Saturday. The largest of the investment – ₹7,000 crore – would go into Alok Industries.

RIL proposes to provide support to Alok Industries (AIL) through investment in securities, loans & advances and guarantees from time to time to enable AIL to meet its funding requirement, the Mukesh Ambani-promoted company mentioned in its report on material related party transactions.

Alok Industries was acquired by a consortium of Reliance Industries and JM Financial ARC in 2019. RIL holds a 40% stake in Alok Industries, a textile manufacturer.

RIL also estimates sale products and services worth ₹5,000 crore to Alok Industries during the financial year.

Another ₹5,000 crore would be invested in Reliance Retail Ventures Limited. RIL, which holds 85% in RRVL, supports the latter through investment in securities, loans & advances and guarantees from time to time to enable RRVL to meet its funding requirement.

The oil-to-telecom behemoth will invest ₹2,500 crore in Reliance Sibur Elastomers, a joint venture wherein Reliance holds 74.9% stake and SIBUR owns 25.1%.

This joint venture is going to set up South Asia's first butyl and halogenated butyl rubber production facility at Jamnagar, India with a world scale capacity of 120,000 metric tonnes per annum.

Other significant investments mentioned in the report include ₹15,000 additional investment by Reliance Retail Venture Ltd in Reliance Retail Ltd over the next three financial years. This investment is over and above ₹25,000 crore already approved in the last AGM. RRVL holds 99.91% of Reliance Retail Limited.

In total, the company has provided details of ₹1.22 lakh crore related party transactions in FY24 (some of the investments may spill over to other financial years as well.)

Mbappe returns to PSG training after talks

Kylian Mbappe has returned to training with Paris Saint-Germain the club said Sunday. "After very constructive and positive discussions between Paris Saint-Germain and Kylian Mbappe before the PSG-Lorient match, the player has returned to training with the first-team group this (Sunday) morning," PSG said in a statement.

Gukesh sets up mouth-watering Carlsen date in quarterfinals

Former world champion and World No 1 up against wunderkind after latter took down China's Wang in round of 16 clash on Sunday in Azerbaijan

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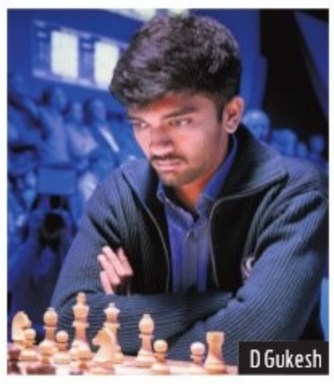
PRESENT v. Future. Millennial v. Centennial. Champion v. Contender. King v. Prince. Magnus Carlsen v. D Gukesh.

The chess World Cup has its first marquee clash from an Indian perspective and the stakes couldn't be any higher. Standing between Gukesh and a place in the semifinals — and two chances at qualifying for next year's Candidates — is the Norwegian legend himself. The two-match (and a set of tie-breaks if needed) series, beginning on Tuesday, is a tie loaded with subtext and narratives. For starters, Carlsen has stated multiple times that India's board game revolution is just starting. "I think India is doing a lot of right things so far, and it is a matter of time before it is clearly the leading chess nation in the world," he had said on the eve of the inaugural Global Chess League earlier this year. "... I'm looking forward to competing with and against the exciting young generation of Indian players."

Unlike other players, the Norwegian actually means it. He displayed it only a few days ago when he walked up to shake R Praggnanandhaa's after the latter had dismantled Hikaru Nakamura in tie-breaks in the fourth round. Then, there's the prospect of Gukesh beating Carlsen over-the-board just weeks after becoming the youngest-ever player to have a published rating of 2750 in Classical. Carlsen himself held the previous record. If it happens, you can make a case for the emergence of a new order in the game. Now comes the hard part. In sport, being compared to a bonafide legend is the easy bit. Beating them at their own game is what separates potential from the truly good. At the World Cup, Gukesh has continued to grow. Having overtaken Viswanathan Anand as India's No. 1 in Classical, the 17-year-old, after the win over Hao Wang in the Round of 16, is ranked No. 7 in the world. What has led the Indian teen to have a purple patch of this sort (he began the tournament with a rating of 2744 before climbing up to 2761)? Weeks ago, Vishnu Saravanan, his current coach, had shed some light. "He has become more consistent. In the last six-eight months, his openings have improved," he had told this daily then. "He's devoting more time to it than he used to. That's the main difference."

Magnus Carlsen



D Gukesh

The pair also spoke about the importance of guarding against total blowouts. "Early on, what we discussed was even if 'we have a bad day... shouldn't be that bad. Your bad day should be somebody else's good day'. It's the kind of thinking we had. Now he doesn't have so many bad days as such. That is what has made him stay at the top, he's very consistent with results." That consistency has been on display at the World Cup, Three of the four ties Gukesh has featured in has not needed tie-breaks. In fact, while Carlsen has lost a regular match (against German teen Vincent Keymer), the Indian has enjoyed serene progress.

Praggnanandhaa vs Erigaisi in all-Indian last eight

At least one Indian will have a guaranteed spot in the last four as R Praggnanandha will face Arjun Erigaisi in another of the quarterfinals. While the former beat Ferenc Berkes with white pieces to seal the tie, the latter drew Nils Grandelius on Sunday a day after winning with black pieces. The other Indian left in the draw, Vidit Gujrathi, will have to wait till Tuesday for the completion of his Round of 16 match with Ian Nepomniachtchi as both of the Classical games ended in draws. In the women's section, D Harika will face a tie-breaker against Aleksandra Goryachkina. If Harika wins, she will enter the last four. **Quarterfinals (Open):** Gukesh vs Carlsen, Nijat Abasov vs Gujrathi/ Nepomniachtchi, Fabiano Caruana vs Leinier Dominguez, Praggnanandhaa vs Erigaisi.

World C'ships: Chance for shooters to secure quotas

ANMOL GURUNG @ Chennai

ONE trial followed by another with a competition every once in a while, the Indian shooters have been put to the test in a rigorous manner in the last 12 months or so. Those series of tests have not just explored their marksmanship but also tested their durability, both mental and physical. They have no chance to relax as they are set to face their biggest challenge this year so far — the ISSF World Championships in Baku, Azerbaijan.

The marquee competition is due to begin on August 14 and the shooters will be hopeful that the aforementioned tests, which have been put in place to condition them for big events, will bear fruit. It's paramount for shooters to put their best foot forward as the event will offer Olympic quotas (4 in each event). The event will feature all events (rifle, pistol and shotgun). The Indian team, who had a camp in New Delhi, comprises some young faces. Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar (50m rifle 3 positions), Divyansh Singh Panwar (10m air rifle), Manu Bhaker (25m sports pistol) and Angad Vir Singh Bajwa are the only shooters who were part of the 2020 Olympics.

The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI), the governing body for the sport in the country, is hopeful that the series of tests will yield the desired outcome. "The tempo and mood is there and they're (shooters) all waiting for this event. They have been consistent. In fact, they have improved their scores. There's a lot of confidence having undergone rigorous technical as well as physical training they'll try to get as many quotas as possible," Kanwar Sultan Singh, NRAI secretary general, said.

The championship will offer a glimpse of how far the shooters have come as the cream of the sport will be assembling in Baku with a similar objective. China, USA, Kazakhstan, Hungary, Qatar, to name a few, are some who'll be looking to deny the Indians. The last time Indian shooters competed in Baku, they had finished second behind China during the ISSF World Cup in May. Two shooters, Rhythm Sangwan (25m sports pistol) and Hriday Hazarika (10m air rifle) had won individual medals then. The duo, who are part of the squad, will be looking to emulate that performance.

Esha Singh

Manu Bhaker

Former shooting champ Jaspal Rana will also be following the event closely as his ward Manu will be looking to make a mark. Jaspal, who has formerly coached the national team, is hopeful that Manu can claim the quota for the country. "I want Manu to win the championships and a quota place. We are working on it. What she is doing, she is doing right. We need a lot of luck as well and support from all the sides," Jaspal told this daily. Deepali Deshpande, a former national coach, will also be monitoring the rifle shooters closely as two of her wards — Akhil Sheoran and Sift Kaur Samra — will be in action. "It's a very strong team (rifle). They have always had a strong team. The 50 metre teams are really good. We have a very good chance."

The shooters from trap and skeet section have also demonstrated they are capable of mounting a challenge with some medal-winning performances this year. Prithviraj Tondaiman had shone in Doha World Cup with a bronze-medal effort earlier this year and the trap shooter will be looking to replicate that performance. Ganemat Sekhon is another shooter who has created a buzz in recent years. The first female skeet shooter from India to medal in a World Cup will be looking to script another historic show.

Shotgun coaches

The NRAI is on the verge of finalising shotgun foreign coaches. If everything goes as planned, it is increasingly likely that former coaches Marcello Dradi (trap) and Ennio Falco (skeet) will return to the team. They are also expected to go to Baku.

"We have made all our assessments and we find them to be the most appropriate and more or less, we will be finalising them," Singh noted. Falco was apparently guiding the team during the aforementioned camps. It remains to be seen if he'll continue.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

ISSF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Baku, Azerbaijan

August 14-September 1

Opening Ceremony on August 15 and the competition will start from August 17

All competitions (rifle, pistol, shotgun)

1249 A total of 1249 athletes from 101 countries are expected to take part in the competition.

48 A total of 48 quotas (4 quotas in each event; top-four finishers) will be on offer during the event. A country can only earn one quota per event during the championship. If a country has two shooters in the top-four, the second quota will go to the fifth-placed shooter.

53 A total of 53 Indians shooters (Olympic and non-Olympic events) are part of the entry list.

With clarity on goals, Chopra eyes bigger dreams

KALYANI MANGALE @ Chennai

WHAT do you love the most about leg spin? "I love how you can bamboozle the batter", comes Parshavi Chopra's reply. And why wouldn't she? The teenager was, after all, the highest wicket-taker for India in the U19 T20 World Cup in South Africa earlier this year. She tricked and trapped the opposition players through the tournament to help her country win the trophy.

At 17, already a junior World Cup winner, the inaugural Women's Premier League couldn't have come at a better time for Chopra. The tournament brought a mix of excitement and a little bit of fear for the UP Warriorz's youngest recruit. "I was a little bit scared because you had to play with and against some of the best senior players in the world," Chopra told this daily. "But, the confidence I carried from the World Cup helped me a lot. The crowd makes it tricky in the tournaments like WPL. The hardest part is to handle that crowd pressure," she added.

The passionate crowds in women's cricket might overwhelm many, but Chopra has a simple mantra which she had to use in India's first match in the U19 WC against hosts South Africa. "The moment we reached the ground for the first match, the packed home crowd was loud in their support. It felt like a daunting task, but then I thought, I have been practicing for years. I didn't practice to have cold feet in front of the crowd. I reduce the crowd from the calculation and focus on the task at hand." Chopra's confidence and clarity speak volumes. With UPW looking for that quiet confidence after a mid-tournament wobble, Chopra made her WPL debut against Mumbai Indians. In her first match, at the packed DY Patil stadium, Chopra couldn't make an impact, but her team crossed the line. In the next game, she broke a partnership of 93 runs with the wicket of D Hemalatha. In the penultimate over, her love of bamboozling batters with the leg spin resulted in only five runs and the wicket of Ashleigh Gardner.

Leg-spinner Parshavi Chopra during the UP Warriorz camp in Bengaluru | UPW

Chopra credits the coaching staff and captain Alyssa Healy for trusting her. "She is just the captain cool," Chopra said about Healy. "I love her personality. Even during the matches, if I didn't bowl well sometimes, she would say 'don't worry. You have my support. You do what you need to do. Don't think about anything else'." Alongside Healy, Chopra received abundant support from the bowling coach, Ashley Noffke. Her eyes lit up talking about the coach who helped her transition into the big leagues. "I learned so much from him. He told me I should bowl more wrong ones, especially to the foreign players. It's tricky for them to judge it. I tried it in the WPL, and most of the time, I got wickets because of that," she says.

Now at the UPW camp in Bangalore, head coach Jon Lewis has been tracking Chopra's development keenly and is impressed by her drive. "Now she has a better understanding of what it takes to bowl against the best players in the world. At the camp, she is bowling in a different style and changed ambitions. This is different than playing underage cricket or at the first few games of the WPL, where people would have picked on her style and have made plans to counter that," said Lewis.

In the first three months of 2023, Chopra went from a talented leg spinner to a World Cup champion to being part of the biggest franchise tournament for women's cricket. "I want to make the most of every opportunity. Playing for India's senior side is the ultimate dream," Chopra said. Going by the promise she has shown, the teenager is on the right track.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Yadav hits fifty as India post 165/9

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SURYAKUMAR YADAV (61) was the lone light for India as they managed to post 165/9 against West Indies in the fifth T20I played at Lauderhill, Florida on Sunday. At the time of going to print, the hosts were 117/1 in 21.3 overs before bad weather stopped play. Bradon King (54 batting) and Nicholas Pooran (46 batting) were in the middle with Windies 26 runs ahead of the DLS par score.

Earlier, India captain Hardik Pandya opted to bat. However, both Yashasvi Jaiswal and Shubman Gill fell early, leaving Yadav and Tilak Varma course correct. The duo added 49 runs for the third wicket before Varma hit one straight back to Roston Chase for a 18-ball 27. Sanju Samson and Hardik Pandya did not last long but Yadav, even as rain stopped play and wickets fell, he ensured India got to a respectable total. **Brief scores (at the time of print):** India 165/9 in 20 ovs (Suryakumar 65, Shepherd 4/31) vs WI 117/1 in 21.3 ovs (King 54 batting, Pooran 46 batting).

India's Suryakumar Yadav (right) scored 61 runs from 45 balls in fifth T20I | AP

EXPRESS READ

PCB names psychologist for men's team

LAHORE: The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has appointed sports psychologist Dr Maqbool Babri to counsel the men's team during ODI series against Afghanistan in Sri Lanka followed by the high-profile Asia Cup. "Yes, Dr Maqbool Babri who has worked in the past with counselling of some of our players will be accompanying the squad," a PCB source said.

Gokulam beat Blasters 4-3 in Durand Cup

KOLKATA: Gokulam Kerala earned three valuable points along with bragging rights as they edged past formidable ISL outfit Kerala Blasters 4-3 in a Durand Cup group league game here on Sunday. There were four goals in the first-half and three in the second. Gokulam clinched their second straight victory in as many games to go on top of the group.

India move up to third place in FIH rankings

NEW DELHI: Giving them a massive boost ahead of the Asian Games, India on Sunday rose to third in FIH rankings following their Asian Champions Trophy triumph. India (2771.35 points) jumped one place to third and went past England (2763.50 points) behind top-ranked Netherlands (3095.90 points) and Belgium (2917.87 points).

Indian basketball team beats Syria 85-74

DAMASCUS: The Indian men's basketball team registered an 85-74 victory over hosts Syria in their opening match of the FIBA Olympic Pre-Qualifying Tournament Asia 2023 at the Al-Fayhaa Sports Arena in Damascus on Saturday. Pranav Prince was the standout hoopster in the match for the visitors, scoring 21 points.

Kane suffers defeat in Bayern Munich debut

AGENCIES @ Munich

HARRY Kane endured a losing debut with Bayern Munich on Saturday when his new team crashed to a 3-0 defeat to RB Leipzig in the German Super Cup, just hours after sealing a move from Tottenham.

Dani Olmo was the star of the show, producing a virtuoso performance and scoring a hat-trick in Munich as Kane's dream of clinching his first major silverware was shattered. Kane came on as a 64th-minute substitute with Bayern already trailing 2-0 with Olmo completing his hat-trick soon after. The England skipper has earned the sympathy of Bayern coach Thomas Tuchel. "I'm just sorry for Harry Kane, he probably thinks that we haven't trained for four weeks," said Tuchel.

Harry Kane in action during the match against RB Leipzig on Saturday | AFP

Tottenham, Chelsea held

LONDON: Tottenham began life without Kane with an entertaining 2-2 draw at Brentford on Sunday. Later, Liverpool took lead against Chelsea before Axel Disasi's equaliser in the 37th minute. Both teams didn't score from thereon as the game resulted in a 1-1 draw.

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Competition highlights lack of female coaches

AGENCIES @ Sydney

SARINA Wiegman is in a unique position at the Women's World Cup, where she's the only female head coach still in contention for the title. "Of course what we hope is to get more female football coaches at the top level and the balance gets better than it is right now," Wiegman said. "Of course males are welcome too. There are lots of males who have done a very good job in the women's game, but if the balance is better that will also inspire other women to start coaching."

Women's football is growing at pace. Yet the disparity in the coaching ranks has also been laid bare. Of the 32 nations that started the tournament, 12 had a woman as head coach. Three advanced to the round of 16. Hege Riise's Norway team and Desiree Ellis' South Africa team lost in the first knockout stage. In 2015, eight teams had a woman as head coach, nine in 2019. So it's an improvement in terms of numbers, although the tournament was expanded from 24 to 32 teams for this edition.

England head coach Sarina Wiegman (C) with her players during World Cup | AP

While Wiegman wants greater parity in the coaching ranks, the rapid growth of the women's game is likely to attract more men. Tony Gustavsson, the head coach of the Australia, was recruited after two successful stints as an assistant coach with the U.S. women's team. France turned to two-time Africa Cup of Nations-winning coach Herve Renard to take over the national team just four months ahead of the World Cup. And the more elite coaches involved in the women's game would likely raise levels higher.

Randy Waldrum, who was head coach of the Nigeria team, is coach at the University of Pittsburgh and also a coach educator, said the lack of women in coaching is a problem at every level. "There's been a larger push in our women's national team to have more female coaches. But every other level, there's a lot of male coaches coaching. Certainly we need a bigger investment in women and women coaching," he said.

UPCOMING EXAMINATIONS

UKPSC ASSISTANT ENGINEER	BIHAR SCHOOL TEACHER EXAM	UPSSSC JUNIOR ASSISTANT
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Is pursuing an MBA during a recession a good idea? Does an MBA really give professionals employable skills? Are the high fees worth it? **Karthikeya S** investigates these notions for us

MBA EDUCATION IN TUMULTUOUS ECONOMIC CONDITIONS
A DEEP DIVE

IN January, the world found itself walking into economic peril, with high commodity prices, risk of inflation and zealous interest rate hikes. These financial challenges were caused mainly due to the Russia-Ukraine war, right when the world economy was recovering from the Covid-19 pandemic. In this scenario, pundits and economists predicted a bearish stock market and major economies in the world were at risk of entering a recession.

But for professionals, times like these call for upskilling their abilities and qualifications, and creating a buffer to fall back on. Many believe that pursuing an MBA is one of the best ways to do this.

An MBA is seen as a precursor to a solid professional career, as it is an essential qualification for many management jobs. However, would having an MBA degree protect a professional from the recession?

Is MBA recession-proof?

There is no definitive consensus among academics on whether an MBA is really "recession-proof".

Dr Girish Mude, Assistant Professor and Programme Director, BBA and MBA at MIT-World Peace University, Pune, says, "During a recession, companies look for any opportunities for financial and economic advancement. As MBA graduates are taught how to handle economic downturns and the intricacies in business operations, in general, they are usually sought by companies in turbulent times."

He further explains that an MBA graduate's skills in strategy, leadership, people management and business analysis make them invaluable to businesses.

"While the package can be lower during a recession, professionals would walk out of the period with better-honed skills and more handsome packages," he says.

However, it cannot be said authoritatively that an MBA is a sure way to protect one's career during inflation.

Dr S Ramakrishna Velamuri, Dean of the School of Management at Mahindra University, Hyderabad, for example, says that an MBA degree is "strictly not recession-proof". Justifying this, he says, "Placements at business schools are affected negatively during economic downturns, such as in the aftermath of the 2008 financial crisis."

Similarly, Dr Ranjan Banerjee, Dean and Professor of Marketing at the BITS School of Management (BITSoM), Mumbai, says, "Nothing in the larger sense can be recession-proof as such."

reset time

He adds that MBAs tend to come off relatively unscathed in a recession, as few industries perform better in such periods than others.

"Let us take the pandemic for instance. A lot of tech companies and consulting companies did well, but conventional product companies took a blow due to disruptions in the supply chains."

Dr Banerjee further says that MBA graduates can navigate these changes as the recruitment pool of MBAs is diverse. However, he says that there is a caveat to this—this is possible if you graduated from one of the top business schools.

MBA grads in demand

Professor Rishikesha Krishnan, the Director of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Bangalore says, "In a business, there is no such thing as a marketing problem or a finance problem. These issues are seen strictly as business problems." To overcome them, he says, all these departments need to be aligned with each other—and MBA graduates are taught to do just that.

"If you go by a recent report by KPMG, healthcare management, technology consulting, marketing and branding are some industries whose demand is unaffected by the recession. Specialising in those disciplines would yield great prospects," says Dr Girish Mude.

MBA during a recession – a good idea?

The common notion seems to be that a period of recession is the best time for anyone to pursue MBA.

Saksham Gupta, a student in the Indian School of Business' Postgraduate Business Programme, says, "The versatility of an MBA graduate's skill set serves as a advantage during economic volatility, offering diverse career paths in finance, marketing, strategy, operations and leadership."

Gautam Lakhamraju, the Chief Operating Officer of the Great Lakes Institute of Management, Gurugram, says, "In a recession, pursuing MBA is an option if you are a working professional, who is unable to see career growth or a fresh graduate looking to enter the job market."

Working professionals, MBA students, and professors categorise MBA as an "investment" in knowledge and Professor Rishikesha Krishnan adds that the overall returns of an MBA are far higher than the course's tuition fees.

"The median salary package that MBA graduates get in their placements is higher than the tuition fees. Even if they had studied on a student loan, they can repay it within two years of getting placed," he says, adding that MBA is an investment that fuels a career of 20-25 years.

TOP TIER

Here are the top institutes around the world that accept GMAT scores and the average GMAT cut-off for the institutes

737	Stanford University		
730	University of California, Berkeley		
730	Massachusetts Institute of Technology		
708	London School of Economics and Political Science		
708	London Business School	690	University of Oxford
670	National University of Singapore		
660	Hong Kong University of Science and Technology		
550	University of Toronto	560	The University of Melbourne

Top institutes in India accepting GMAT for MBA programmes

*Great Lakes Institute of Management, Chennai

GRE vs GMAT
Which is more suitable for B-School admissions?

Ankur Dhawan, President, upGrad Abroad looks into both the exams and tells us which works better

The Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) and Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) are two of the most popular standardised tests for admission to B-Schools globally. But which test is right for you? The GRE is for admission to various graduate programmes, including business, law and humanities. GMAT is designed purely for admission to business school. But does that mean GMAT is better than GRE for seeking a management seat?

INCREASING POPULARITY FOR GRE Top business schools first started accepting GRE scores in 2006, and it has witnessed a spike in test takers over the past few years. Indian students taking the GRE increased from 56,782 in 2012-2013 to 114,647 in 2021-2022, an increase of around 50%. Several reasons can be attributed to this trend, including it being deemed easier than GMAT, which is heavy on quant, stats and data interpretation. Also, it enables one to apply across domains if MBA is one of the many options they are looking at thus, having to avoid taking multiple exams. Thirdly, there is the price difference too. While GRE costs $213, GMAT costs $275

Major differences

While there is no outright difference in the skills tested by the two exams, there are some structure and difficulty level differences. The GRE has three sections: Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning and Analytical Writing. The GMAT has four sections: Analytical Writing Assessment, Integrated Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning and Verbal Reasoning.

Additionally, GRE is said to be more vocabulary-oriented, while GMAT leans towards grammar-related questions.

Another difference is that while GMAT is question-adaptive, that is, the difficulty level of the next question will be determined by your performance in the earlier one, the GRE is section-adaptive, that is, the difficulty of the next section will be determined by your performance in the previous one. Thus, GRE doesn't limit you in answering questions per the order as you can move around in any section of the exam. But GMAT requires you to answer each question in order

AT A GLANCE	GRE	GMAT
Sections	• Verbal Reasoning • Quantitative Reasoning • Analytical Writing	• Analytical Writing • Integrated Reasoning • Quantitative Reasoning • Verbal Reasoning
Scoring	• Reasoning sections are scored in the range of 130-170 each with 1-point increment. The Analytical Writing section is scored separately. The total is calculated in a range of 260-340	• Total score ranges from 200-800. Integrated Reasoning and Analytical Writing are scored separately
Fee	$213	$275
Score Validity	5 years	5 years

Which is the easier option?

It all comes down to your strengths and weaknesses. Since schools accepting these scores do not prefer one over the other, it is advised to take a mock test for each and analyse the results

THE VERDICT
Which is better for MBA admissions?

With B-Schools accepting both scores, it is a matter of personal choice. However, do take note that a few companies, especially investment and business consulting firms, may ask for GMAT scores while hiring. So, if you want to work in that field or have certain employers in mind, research these requirements beforehand

BRANCHING OUT MBA

With the escalation in the demand for MBA courses, one can opt for in-demand courses to provide leverage to your existing knowledge and find what is best suited for you and your career

Lovely Majumdar spoke to a few professionals and students in order to gauge the prospects of these budding courses and what it could offer to the students in future, in order to foolproof their career

MANAGEMENT AND LAW

Professor Faizan Mustafa, VC, Chanakya National Law University, Patna

During his tenure at NALSAR, Hyderabad, the law stalwart said that he had introduced a new course into the curriculum titled Court Management. He had also introduced a management course in Insurance and Law, noting that there is a close connection between business and law. "In every stage of business, there is law. Whenever a business is established in a market or exits, it has to abide by laws and it cannot do without a manager who knows the regulatory laws," he says

MANAGEMENT AND TOURISM

Vanisha, graduated from Pooja Bhagavat Memorial Mahajana Post Graduate Centre, Mysuru

Vanisha who has a double Master's in Tourism Administration and HR and Marketing, says that the course chosen by her entailed varied prospects, such as aviation, hotel management and other tourism courses. When asked about the prospect of jobs, she says that although Tourism was stuck in limbo for a while, the prospects of this course are increasing. There are a lot of agencies or businesses related to travel, but she adds, "Even if you are well-qualified if the purpose of your role ends, you might be laid off"

MANAGEMENT AND FASHION

Lipsa Mohapatra, Assistant Professor and Head of Department of Fashion Management Studies, National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), Bhubaneswar

Lipsa Mohapatra says that e-commerce is now one of the booming industries hence, fashion retail has scope. The e-commerce giants such as Amazon require the help of managers specialising in retail to help them with decision-making, to understand the market and make certain decisions accordingly, so they create a semblance of balance between what customers want and what can be delivered to them at a fair cost

COURSES ONE CAN AVAIL

• Master of Fashion Management • Aviation Management • Aerospace and Defence Management • Power & Energy Management • Transport, Logistics & Supply Chain Management • Law • Agriculture (Business) Management • Strategic Management • Engineering Management • Operations Management • Sports Management • Project Management • Health Services Management • Oil and Gas Management • Family Business Management • Tourism and Hospitality Management • Clinical Research Management • Criminal Justice Management • Knowledge Management • Real Estate • Event Management

MANAGEMENT AND SPORTS

Ansu Bhuyan, Assistant Manager, Sports Management and Development, Hockey Promotion Council, Sports and Youth Services Department, Government of Odisha

"People generally do not know what management in sports is," says Ansu Bhuyan who is now pursuing MBA and MSc in Sports Industry Management from XAVIER-EMLYON Business School, Odisha. Bhuyan, who was a former professional tennis player and later transitioned to becoming a sports manager, says that people are generally oblivious to the prospects that it can offer. "They will be associated with sports but they will also be managing business and teams and the players," he adds. Ansu also says that in addition to this, there are various internships that are offered by companies, which are highly regarded, and one can gain a certain amount of experience. Sports management companies usually look for someone who not only possesses managerial skills but also has knowledge that pertains to the field of sport

MBA specialisations and salary packages: An overview

Choosing the appropriate MBA specialisation can greatly influence your career path and earning potential. According to reports, the average MBA salary in India stands at approximately Rs 8 lakh. With this in mind, we have researched and compiled a comprehensive list of diverse MBA specialisations and their corresponding salary packages for your consideration

Management Consulting ₹15,00,000 – ₹22,50,000	Data Analytics and Business Intelligence ₹12,50,000 – ₹19,50,000	Technology Management ₹9,50,000 – ₹14,00,000	Operations Management ₹7,50,000 – ₹11,00,000
Finance ₹13,50,000 – ₹22,00,000	Marketing ₹7,50,000 – ₹25,00,000	Entrepreneurship ₹10,50,000 – ₹15,50,000	Human Resources ₹8,50,000 – ₹12,50,000

Average salary range in rupee (Source: collegeresearch.in)

GMAT: GOING BEYOND THE MBA

Where else is the GMAT score valid? What further opportunities does it provide? Here, we take a look at various other prospects that the GMAT offers candidates

The infinite scope of the GMAT is no news to many. However, it is most commonly associated with MBA admissions, and for good reason—over 7,000 MBA programmes across the world have the GMAT score as an entry requirement. While there are several valid reasons why the exam is important for gauging a candidate's eligibility to enter an MBA programme, the GMAT's prospects do not end there. We explore various other doors that a good GMAT score opens:

Scholarships

A GMAT score upwards of 700 can pay for your MBA:

Need-based scholarships for those from marginalised backgrounds

Merit-based scholarships for those with academic or extra-curricular wins

Diversity-based scholarships to gender and ethnic minority students

Some B-schools that offer these scholarships are:

• Harvard University • London Business School • INSEAD • Dartmouth College

PhD entry

GMAT score is a requirement for doctoral programmes in prominent business schools:

• Harvard Business School • London Business School • Stanford Graduate School of Business • Yale School of Management

These schools offer doctoral programmes in Accounting, Economics, Marketing, Business Management, Finance, Organisational Behaviour and more, and accept a GMAT score of 700 and above. Upon completion, one could pursue consulting, academia and so on

Employment

A few companies in areas like consulting and finance, do look at GMAT scores

Consulting firms like Bain and McKinsey as well as finance companies like Morgan Stanley and Credit Suisse rely on the GMAT scores as a standardised metric to look at a candidate's analytical, critical thinking and quantitative abilities. Companies also look at GMAT scores for roles in:

• Product Management • Business Development • Marketing • Data Analytics

Professional master's degrees

A variety of professional degree programmes other than the MBA ask for the GMAT score as an eligibility criterion. These programmes include:

• Master's in Management • Master's in Accountancy • Master's in Finance • Master's in Business Analytics

These programmes offer candidates a specialised set of skills, without having the broad scope that the MBA has

HISTORY OF MBA
WHERE DID IT ALL BEGIN?

1819 World's first business school, Ecole Spéciale de Commerce et d'Industrie (ESCP Business School) was established in Paris, France

Late 19th Century The first business schools were established in the United States, such as the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania (1881)

Early 20th Century Harvard Business School (1908) and the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College (1900) were founded which shaped modern business education

1940s-1960s The demand for business education grew after World War II, leading to the expansion of MBA programmes

1949 Xavier School of Management (XLRI), Jamshedpur was founded and today is the oldest business school in India

1953 First ever MBA programme offered in India at Institute of Social Welfare and Business Management in Kolkata

1961 The first Indian Institute of Management (IIM) was established in Kolkata, marking the beginning of formal business education in India. This was followed by the establishment of IIM Ahmedabad and IIM Bangalore

1980s - 90s The demand for MBA programmes surged, leading to the establishment of several new IIMs in cities like Lucknow, Kozhikode and Indore

1990s - 2000s The expansion of the Indian economy and the IT industry's boom led to an increased interest in MBA education with new private business schools emerging across the country

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DAY'S DIARY

Japan surrenders

Harry S Truman, US President announced the surrender of Japan and war-weary citizens erupted in celebrations in 1945

DECLARATION PASSED

Japan accepted a Potsdam declaration of no compromises or demands that prejudices the prerogatives of Hirohito as the sovereign ruler on Aug 10

US ACCEPTS

The US announced that it would accept the surrender, making clear in its statement that the emperor could remain in a ceremonial capacity only

END OF WW2

B-29s showered Tokyo with copies of the American reply to the Japanese declaration. The surrender ceremony took place on September 2, 1945

Check out the latest events in the city

PG 2

SERVING A WINNING GAME

B'luru-based badminton star Raghu M talks about Karnataka team's recent triumph at the intensely competitive South Zone Inter-State Badminton Championship

DESE GOWDA

THE finale of 77th South Zone Inter-State Badminton Championship held at RAK's Badminton Academy in Coimbatore on Saturday witnessed Karnataka's victory in the men's and U-19 category following intense competition against teams from Tamil Nadu. But for city-based rising badminton star **Raghu M**, who played a crucial role in Karnataka's victory with his win against K Sathish Kumar, the result was not unexpected.

"Sathish [Kumar] is a really good player, who had recently defeated me in Hyderabad. So I went into the match with a strong mindset with an intention to get back at him. So in a way, the result was expected. It was quite close in the second game. But I just upped the pace for the last two points and managed to clinch the win," says the 25-year-old who had been training for weeks in Hyderabad with players like Srikanth Kidambi in preparation for the championship. "I was there to help Srikanth prepare for the World Championships, and he was in turn helping me during evening sessions. That experience certainly came in handy, while playing in different situations," he explains.

Given the high level of competition between players at the championship, Raghu swells with pride at the team's achievement. "This was a huge win for us, especially considering how competitive the South Indian scene is. Winning here means we get to play the national championships, representing Karnataka and that's huge for individual players," he says.

Originally from Shivamogga, Raghu took up badminton at the age 10 after watching his father play. As a self-described 'chubby and introverted kid', Raghu felt that the sport would be easy. "My father was a national badminton player. But he had to quit due to financial constraints. When I was young, I found the game interesting and thought it looked easy. So I asked my father if I could play. Back then I didn't have a lot of friends or other interests. I liked the discipline that the sport demanded, training every day, eating clean, the entire lifestyle was different from what was expected from a typical school boy," he adds.

After six months of training at a reputed academy in Mandya, Raghu faced his first state-level rank match. "Fortunately, the academy I started with was really good. The competition within the academy was such that each player could have easily made it to state-level championships and won. When I first participated in a state match, I was 10 and was soundly beaten by a player who had a lot more experience," he says, adding "But that loss ignited a burning passion for the sport. Before that, I was quite aloof but after that I had found a purpose in life."

Since then, Raghu has come to enjoy the emotional rollercoaster that the sport throws at him. Looking ahead, he is focusing on his world ranking and is planning to start training to achieve that. "My major focus is to crack the top 50. I am heading to Hyderabad to train and improve my game with a few players and prepare for bigger tournaments," he concludes.

CITY READ

New biryani option in city

Experience MLA Potalam Biryani with Let's Biryani. The dish is a fusion of flavours, where spicy chicken kheema and prawns are cooked alongside fragrant biryani rice and encased within an egg omelette. Complementing the dish is mirchi ka salan, a tangy and spicy chili-infused gravy, and burani raita, a cooling yogurt-based side dish. Order the dish online for home delivery through Zomato and Swiggy.

Fortified rice launched in Bengaluru

Keerthi Rice Industries in collaboration with DSM recently launched fortified rice - rice enriched with essential nutrients - in the city. Repala Anthaiah, managing director, Keerthi Rice Industries, said, "We are excited to introduce Keerthi Fortified Rice to the market and contribute to the well-being of our consumers."

Aslam Gafoor (@aslamgafoor) is a hospitality professional with experience in business development, sales and marketing with well-known hotels, and food and beverage companies. A few of his passions are travel, food and wine, and he enjoys sharing these experiences as a columnist.

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THE recent inauguration of the Centre of Excellence (COE) on Healthcare and Smart Technologies at BNM Institute of Technology, Bengaluru marked a significant milestone. Dr. C.N. Manjunath, Director of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences, emphasized the paramount importance of multidisciplinary research on this occasion.

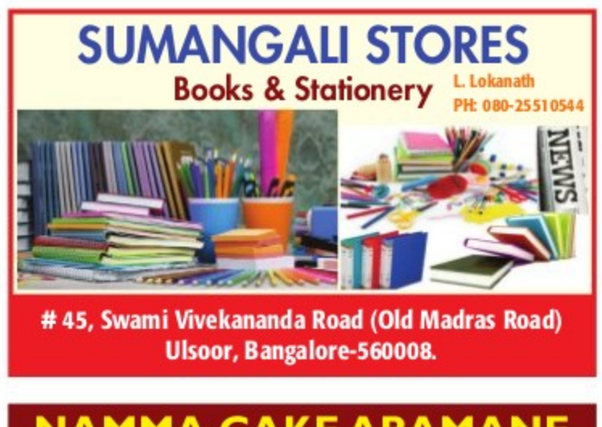
He articulated, "The trajectory of healthcare services is on the brink of profound transformation due to technological advancements. These strides are anticipated to streamline the experiences of patients, medical practitioners, and students alike. The progress in hardware and software technologies, specifically within the healthcare realm, has brought engineers and medical professionals into collaborative synergy."

Narayan Rao Maanay, Chairman of the Governing Board at BNMIT, noted that the establishment of the Centre of Excellence in Healthcare and Smart Technology is a pioneering venture. He remarked, "This initiative will open avenues for numerous researchers to delve into cutting-edge technologies imperative for healthcare. The COE provides an optimal environment for leveraging its facilities to their fullest potential."

Dr. S.Y. Kulkarni underscored the significance of the COE and elaborated on the array of facilities it offers. The occasion also witnessed the felicitation of all healthcare organizations in collaboration with BNMIT.

In attendance were notable figures such as Prof. T.J. RamaMurthy, Dr. S.Y. Kulkarni, Prof. Eishwar N Maanay, and Dr. Krishnamurthy.

The COE on healthcare has been established through collaboration with esteemed organizations like Renalyx, Autoyus, IIHMR, and S-Vyasa. This initiative stands as a testament to the institute's dedication to advancing healthcare and technology synergistically.



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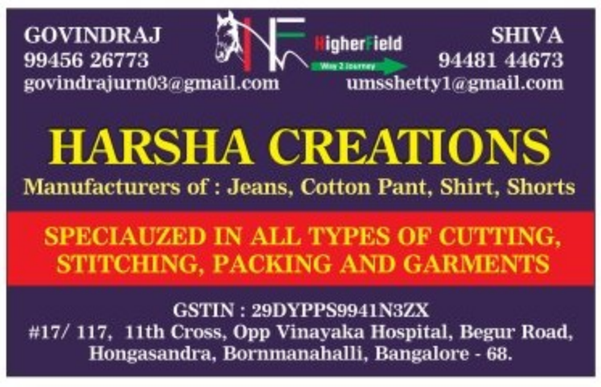

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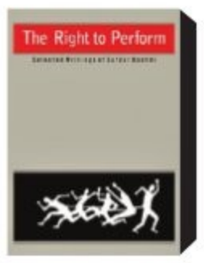
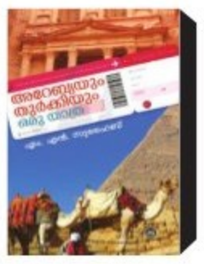


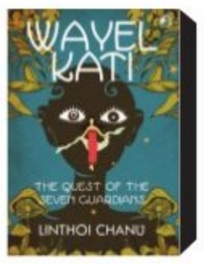
The Right to Perform
by Safdar Hashmi

Writings on Indian cultural and political history, from the late theatre activist Safdar Hashmi. It has interviews conducted by Safdar and his interview by professor Eugene von Erven.



Arabiayum Turkeyum Oru Yaathra
by MN Suhaib

A travelogue through Egypt, Jordan and Turkey. It's different from other travelogues by expressing the sights of the city of Amman in Jordan and the Ottoman capital of Istanbul through historical perspectives.



Wayel Kati
by Linthoi Chanu

Straight from the hills of Manipur, the story is about seven guardians chosen to retrieve the scissor of justice, the Wayel Kati. It shows how humans end to rely on myth and fantasy to cope with reality.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

Capoeira Classes

Enjoy an energetic day with a blend of movement and rhythm by joining the Afro-Brazilian cultural practice of Capoeira hosted by Tushar Das. It's a great way to build strength, fluidity, and groove.

WHEN: August 14, 7pm
WHERE: Shoonya - Centre for Art and Somatic Practices, Lal Bagh Road
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Camp Away

Embark on an exciting trek through the foothills of Nandi Hills, where you can immerse yourself in scenic beauty, lush green landscapes, and outdoor games for a refreshing and sporty getaway.

WHEN: August 14, 4pm
WHERE: Hangout at Nandi, Karahalli Cross
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

New Fragrances

Discover the captivating aroma of the new Smokin' Vanilla body mist, a blend of sweet honeysuckle, amber and musk, from Plum BodyLovin'. A must-have for fragrance enthusiasts, it's a sweet and enchanting addition to your collection.

DETAILS: plumgoodness.com

Nostalgic Music

Relive the musical magic of legendary SPB through this live concert by artistes like SP Charan and Rajhesh Vaidhya, taking you on a nostalgic journey down memory lane.

WHEN: August 15, 6pm
WHERE: Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Malleswaram
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Melodious evening

Indulge in a relaxing evening with soothing melodies of the independent artiste Sanjana Devrajan, and don't miss the chance to hear her latest bilingual single *Nee Venda* live.

WHEN: August 14, 7pm
WHERE: Medai - The Stage Bengaluru, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Winery Visit

Experience the world of wines with a visit to a winery featuring wine tasting, wine stomping, a delectable lunch buffet, and soothing music – a perfect opportunity to unwind and enjoy.

WHEN: August 14, 10.30am onwards
WHERE: Kinvah Vineyards, Yelahanka Hobli
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Musical evening

Participate in SIA Entertainment's pre-Independence Day celebration bash to experience a night filled with patriotic music, dance, and an electrifying ambience!

WHEN: August 14, 8.30pm onwards
WHERE: Casinova Pub Bar and Restaurant, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

CHANCE PE DANCE!

A model dances at the Bridal Makeup Fashion Show, hosted by All India Hair and Beauty Association, held at Prestige Srihari Khoday Centre for Performing Arts | VINOD KUMAR T

QUICK FIX

AVAL MILK

Contributed by **Goutham M,** Chennai

INGREDIENTS

- **Flattened rice/aval:** 1 cup
- **Sugar:** 3 tbsp
- **Roasted peanuts:** 1/4 cup
- **Banana:** 1
- **Milk:** 1.5 cups

METHOD

- Toast the aval on a medium flame for 2 minutes to make it crispy. Remove from the pan into a bowl.
- Cut the banana into pieces and add to a bowl.
- Add sugar to the bananas and mash them with a fork.
- In a glass, add the mashed bananas in the bottom, then the toasted aval. Then add the peanuts.
- Fill up the glass with cold milk. You can optionally add a scoop of vanilla ice cream on top. Stir before consumption.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

TRIKONASANA PREP ARMS UP
(TRIANGLE POSE PREP ARMS UP)

This can be a great pose that can cover the important aspects like grounding the feet, engaging the spine and aligning the hands with the shoulders and hips. It opens the chest, rib cage, shoulders, upper back and upper abdomen.

STEPS

- Stand in Tadasana with legs apart.
- Inhale, raise your arms to your shoulder level, palms facing down.
- Tuck your tailbone, spread your fingertips and draw energy from the arches of your feet.
- Turn your left foot 90 degrees outwards and right foot inwards at 45 degrees.
- Inhale. Raise your arms, stretch them from your armpits and rib cage.
- Keep palms facing each other, away from the ears.
- Stretch torso and arms, keeping chin, chest, naval, and pelvis in line.
- Take 3-4 long breaths.
- Ground the feet, stretch the arms, lift torso, move hips and sit bones towards the floor.
- Build stability and endurance with the core muscle's support.
- Exhale and release the pose to settle back in Utthita Tadasana.
- Bring your arms down and move the feet back to the centre, coming to Tadasana.
- Release and relax, and do the second round, this time hold it longer.

BENEFITS

- Stretches spinal column, shoulders, arms, and abs.
- Strengthens and tones biceps, triceps, belly, back, pelvis, thighs, knees and ankles.
- Helps to maintain a healthy immune system.
- Activates Mooladhara (root), Svadhisthana (sacral) and Ajna (third eye) Chakras.
- Provides stability and self-awareness.
- Allows one to have a visionary perspective.
- Lessens negativity and brings emotional balance.
- Makes the respiratory system efficient.
- Activates spinal cord and electric waves, reaching the brain effectively.
- Improves central nervous system.
- Helps in depression and boosts self-confidence.

LIMITATIONS

People with injured back, shoulders, headaches or migraine, during the third trimester of pregnancy, abdominal area surgery, avoid this.

If you feel uncomfortable, consult a yoga teacher.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

DHOOMAM (Malayalam)

Avinash, the marketing head of a major tobacco firm, is unhappy in his current job and wishes to quit it. But doing so isn't easy. He comes across many challenging events.

Cast: Fahadh Faasil, Roshan Mathew, Aparna Balamurali

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

DAYAA
(Telugu, series)

When a van driver finds a dead body in his truck, he has to take extreme measures to find out the reason behind the death.

Cast: Keshav Deepak, JD Chakravarthi, Pavan Sadinen

- **Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar

NEYMAR (Malayalam)

Kunjava and his friend Sinto bring a new furry friend named Neymar into their lives. Little did they know that their lives were about to be turned upside down.

Cast: Naslen, Mathew Thomas, Johny Antony

- **Watch on:** disney+ Hotstar

MAAVERAN (Tamil)

After a head injury, timid newspaper cartoonist Sathya hears a voice narrating his life as an epic tale of heroism and urging him to take on Jeyakodi, a corrupt politician.

Cast: Sivakarthikeyn, Aditi Shankar, Mysskin

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

MADE IN HEAVEN
(Hindi, series)

Two wedding planners from Delhi strive to survive in a world where traditions clash with modernity. However, they have to navigate through deceit and face many challenges in their profession.

Cast: Sobhita Dhulipala, Arjun Mathur, Mrunal Thakur

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

CHOONA (Hindi, series)

When an unlikely group of misfits discover a common enemy in the same ruthless yet superstitious politician, they plot a heist to exact revenge.

Cast: Namit Das, Jimmy Shergil

- **Watch on:** Netflix

POR THOZHIL (Tamil)

An academically bright but faint-hearten rookie cop needs to man up and overcome his fears in order to succeed in his very first assignment-team up with a hostile and reclusive senior cop to catch a serial killer on the loose.

Cast: Ashok Selvan, Sarathkumar

- **Watch on:** SonyLIV

FOREIGN

THE FLASH (English)

Worlds collide when the Flash uses his superpowers to travel back in time to change the events of the past. However, when his attempt to save his family inadvertently alters the future, he becomes trapped in a reality in which General Zod has returned, threatening annihilation.

Cast: Ezra Miller, Michael Keaton, Ben Affleck, Sasha Calle

- **Watch on:** Netflix

HEARTSTOPPER (English, series)

Teens Charlie and Nick discover their unlikely friendship might be something more as they navigate school and young love.

Cast: Kit Connor, Joe Locke, Yasmin Finney, William Gao

- **Watch on:** Netflix

SOULCATCHER (Polish)

A military contractor hired to seize a weapon that turns people into savage killers seeks revenge when his brother falls victim to the device.

Cast: Piotr Witkowski, Jacek Koman, Jacek Poniedzialek

- **Watch on:** Netflix

HEART OF STONE (English)

Rachel Stone is an intelligence operative, the only woman who stands between her powerful global peacekeeping organisation and the loss of its most valuable – and dangerous – asset.

Cast: Alia Bhatt, Gal Gadot, Jamie Dornan

- **Watch on:** Netflix

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REVAMPED AND RELOADED

In a bid to bolster its position as the most-loved mid-size SUV, Kia has given an upgrade to Seltos. Let's take a look under the hood to see how it fares on the road

LEKSHMI C PILLAI

THE mid-size SUV segment is one of the most fiercely fought battlefields in the Indian car market. Every automaker has a juggernaut rolled out in this space to snatch the throne, but it remains steadfastly under Kia Seltos.

And why wouldn't it? With premium looks, a long list of variants to choose from and smart features, Kia is undoubtedly the most loved of the lot by both car owners and those on the hunt to get their first. Now, in a bid to bolster its position, Kia has relaunched Seltos with even more innovations. We took a good look under the hood during a test drive opportunity in Nagpur, and here's all you need to know.

Punchy engines

First things first. The engine. While Kia Seltos' earlier variant boasted a 1.4-litre turbo petrol engine (140hp), the new avatar has become the envy of the town with a significant upgrade – a 1.5-litre turbo petrol engine (160hp). This is in addition to its 1.5-litre petrol engine (115hp) and the BS6 Stage II-complaint 1.5-litre diesel engine variants.

Seamless transmission

Recognising that automatic transmission has become the mainstay, Kia Seltos has done away with the manual gear option for most of their variants, save for the regular petrol engine model. Both the diesel and the turbo petrol use a semi-automatic clutchless manual instead of a regular manual.

Gear options include a CVT automatic with petrol, a seven-speed dual-clutch automatic with turbo petrol, and a six-speed torque converter automatic with a diesel engine. I tried the turbo petrol automatic and the diesel clutchless manual variants.

Petrol: The new turbo petrol engine is quite a smart performer, and the DCT automatic gear system is the perfect partner for it. The car offers an enjoyable drive because of the punchy engine and smooth gear mechanism.

Diesel: The diesel engine, revised to meet Phase 2 of the BS6 norms, excels in refinement and practicality. A clutchless manual gear is ideal for all normal needs, but one needs to familiarise themselves with the gear level on account of the absence of a clutch pedal. With that said, I would also like to see a pure manual version.

The suspension and seats of both variants ensured a comfortable ride.

Advanced driver assist system

What perhaps helps Kia Seltos pip most other SUVs in its range is the advanced driver assist system (ADAS). The car features 17 adaptive and autonomous systems. These include front collision warning, driver attention warning, front collision assistance, smart cruise control, blind spot collision avoidance assist, lane keeping assist, lane departure warning, and high beam assist. The car also has an array of key safety features, including six airbags.

Feature-rich dashboard

The richness of the Seltos cabin lies mainly in the long screen of the dashboard that combines a 26.03cm HD touchscreen navigation system and an all-new full digital cluster with a 26.04cm colour LCD MID display.

Other welcome additions are the dual-zone C, an eight-inch heads-up display, ventilated seats with an eight-way power driver's seat, Bose premium sound system with eight speakers, a Pure air purifier, and a 360-degree camera with blind view monitor, among others.

A two-pane full (panoramic) sunroof, too, is commendable and adds to the attraction.

Looks that draw eyes

Kia has also redrawn the front and rear of the car. The grille, bumper, skid plate, LED headlamps and the DRLs have all been redesigned to lend the car a look that draws eyes from all quarters. The rear also looks better and much sportier with connected and redesigned LED tail lights. The wheels come in two variants – 17inch and 18inch – and there are three new alloy wheel designs to go with it.

VERDICT

Kia Seltos is definitely an SUV with a premium feel. It has 18 variants ranging from ₹10.90 lakh to ₹20 lakh. Once you decide on the engine-gear combo, you can choose your variant based on how many features you want.

NEW RELEASES

THE NEW SCALA AND KAMIQ

Skoda has unveiled facelifts for two of its most popular models, Kamiq and Scala. The new Scala is sportier than the original, while the Kamiq exudes a more rugged SUV character. The Scala's looks are more inspired by the Vision RS concept, while the Kamiq takes some details from its SUV siblings, the Karoq and Kodiaq. Both the Scala and Kamiq continue to be powered by tried-and-tested fuel-efficient TSI units with outputs ranging from 70 to 110kW.

BENELLI TRK RANGE GETS NEW COLOURS

The Adishwar Auto Ride India (AARI), an Indian superbike maker, announced the launch of new colours for the Benelli TRK 502 and Benelli TRK 502X. The new colours for 2023 have been introduced to celebrate the upcoming festivities. Now, the Benelli TRK 502 will be available in Grey, White, Black (New) and Forest Green (New), while the Benelli TRK 502X will also be available in 4 different colours —Grey, White, Yellow and Forest Green (New). The TRK range is powered by a 500cc parallel twin, DOHC, liquid-cooled, eight-valve motor that produces a peak power of 47.5ps at 8,500 rpm, and a peak torque of 46nm at 6,000 rpm. This is perfect for adventure-focused trails. The 2023 Benelli TRK 502 is now priced at ₹5.85 lakh, while the TRK 502X is priced at ₹6.35 lakh.

HONDA ELEVATE WON'T BE LONG

Honda Cars India Ltd has started production of its new mid-size SUV, Honda Elevate, and is slated to hold its much-anticipated launch in September 2023. The company has already commenced the pre-launch bookings for the vehicle. India is the first country to produce this global SUV, which boasts a localisation of more than 90 per cent. It offers a spacious interior cabin with a top-class wheelbase, ample legroom, and a generous cargo hold of 458 litres. Honda Elevate is powered by a 1.5-litre i-VTEC DOHC petrol engine with VTC mated to a six speed MT and a CVT. It produces a power of 89kW (121ps) and maximum torque of 145Nm at 4300 rpm. Its price will be announced at the launch.

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FORTNIGHTLY SEGMENT ON WHAT'S REVVING UP IN THE AUTOMOTIVE SECTOR

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CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SRINIVAS** S/o Erappa , Residing at No.398, BK Nagar, Banglore North , Bangalore - 560022 My Name has been wrongly mentioned in my Son SAGAR.S in his SSLC & PUC Marks Card as **SREENIVASA** . I State that My Correct name as per Aadhar Card & Other valuable Documents as **SRINIVAS** & I shall hereafter known as **SRINIVAS** for all Purposes . Vide Affidavit dated 12.08.2023 before Notary Kundan Babu M, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RAHAMETH KHUDUS** R/at No.05, 9th Cross, Rashad Nagar, Nagawara Main Road, Arabic College Post, Bangalore-560045, have changed my name to **RAHMATHUNNISA M** vide affidavit dated: 10/8/2023 Before Notary **S.R.Nanjunda Swamy** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **D M NALINI**, legally wedded spouse of No. 13931770K Rank NK(TS) Name Daddera Devaiah Mani, presently residing at #40, Meenakshi Resiency Layout, Kambathalli, Bannerghatta Main Road, Gottigere, Bengaluru-560083, have changed my name from **D M NALINI** (old name) to **DADDERA MANI NALINY** (new name) for all purposes vide affidavit dated 11-08-2023 sworn before Notary Mohammed Hussain K., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) MOGAVEERA CHANDRASHEKAR NARAYAN** Residing at No 5AC366 12/12/B 4th Main, Abhayappa Layout N.S. Palya BTM Layout 2nd Stage, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-560076. Have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) MOGAVEERA CHANDRASHEKAR NARAYAN** to **(NEW NAME) CHANDRASHEKAR MOGAVEERA** vide affidavit dated 10.08.2023 sworn before Notary Y.R. Chandrasekar. Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SERVICE NO 16117574A HAV A. RAMANJANEYULU, of unit: 'B' PLN 291 FD COY, 14 ENGR REGT, C/O 99 APO, PIN: 914014, Have Changed My Son Name **(OLD NAME) DEVANSH ALLURI** to **(NEW NAME) ALLURI DEVANSH,** Vide Affidavit Dated 11.08.2023 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) S. RENUGADEVI,** Spouse of NO 15333868L HAV SARAVANA KARTHIKEYAN.S, Residing at House NO 18/19/5/19, New Kalaiyarkuruchi (Street), Madavarvalagam (Vill), Srivilliputtur (Taluk &Post), Virudhunagar (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), Pin: 626125, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) RENUGA DEVI.S,** Vide Affidavit Dated 09.08.2023 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Service No JC-340938P Sub Maj Sunil Kumar KK presently serving in ADMC, PIN 900493, c/o 56 APO. That in my service record, wherein my wife's name has been wrongly recorded as **DIVYA** instead of **DIVYA TT,** Vide Affidavit dated 12.08.2023 sworn to before notary **Y.R. CHANDRASEKAR** at Bangaluru City.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **IBRAHIM SRIK** R/at No.7, Flat 2B, 2nd Floor, Mujeeb Ahmed Shareef Residency, 1st Main Road, Chinnanna Layout, Kavalbyrasandra, Bangalore- 560032, have changed my name to **MOHAMMED IBRAHIM SHAIKH** vide affidavit dated: 12/8/2023 Before Notary **S.R.Nanjunda Swamy** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I No-13625042P **Hav Hmangte Neikhuplei** working at Parachute Regiment Training Centre, Depot Coy C/o 56 APO J.C Nagar, Bangaluru - 560006. Have changed my name from **Hmangte Neikhuplei** to **Hmangte Neikhupler Kom** vide Affidavit No. IN-KA54882141349135V dt. 11-Aug-2023 03:02 PM at Bangaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Raajiv Rajaram Savur**, son of Late Mr. Rajaram Yeshwant Savur, aged about 48 years, presently residing at Apartment Permata Hijau, Tower 3, 9th Floor, Unit 9E, Jakarta 12210, Indonesia, and permanent Address: at Jayshree Point Apartments, Flat Ground Floor B, 3/1-2, Ali Asker Road, Bangalore - 560 052, do hereby state and declare that I have changed my name from **Rajiv Rajaram Savur** to **Raajiv Rajaram Savur** vide Affidavit dated 10.08.2023, sworn to before the Notary Public.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MAHABOOB PASHA MUSTHAQ AHMED** S/o Syed Musthaq Ahmed Residing at No.49, 4th Cross, Bilal Masjid, Arokiyamma Layout, Venkateshpura, Bengaluru - 560045. Have changed my name from **MAHABOOB PASHA MUSTHAQ AHMED** to **MAHABOOB PASHA** vide affidavit dated 12.08.2023 sworn before Irshad Ahmed.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) R. KANAGA LAKSHMI** Spouse of NO 16112917F HAV RAJ KUMAR.S, Residing at Subramani Siva Street, Kothada Patti, Sivigiri, Tirunelveli (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 627857, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) A. KANAGA LAKSHMI,** Vide Affidavit Dated 11.08.2023 Sworn Before Notary GANGARAJU.B.N, BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SERVICE NO JC- 353344Y NB SUB KADIVAR SAJARUDDIN, of unit: 'T' COY, Depot Bn, MEG & CENTRE, BANGALORE, KARNATAKA (State), PIN: 560042, Have Changed My Son Name **(OLD NAME) JAFRUDIN** to **(NEW NAME) KADIVAR JAFRUDIN,** Vide Affidavit Dated 10.08.2023 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **HARISERAN K,** aged about 38 years, Son of S Kannan, residing at Flat 1033, Prestige Kew Gardens Apartment, Yemalur Main Road, Yemalur, Bangalore - 560037 have changed my minor Son's Name from **H HANUMANTH** to **H JANUSH SAI** Vide Affidavit dated 11.08.2023 sworn before advocate and notary B.M. Chandrashekar, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MOHAMMAD SHAFIULLA** R/at Arch Stone No.402, 4th Floor, 1st Stage, 3rd Block, 10th Main, HBR Layout, Bangalore- 560043, have changed my name to **MOHAMMED SHAFIULLA** vide affidavit dated: 28/7/2023 Before Notary **S.R.Nanjunda Swamy** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) MANISHA MANOHAR GAROLA** Residing at No. # 34, Guruji Main Road, Near Kamala Clinic, Mallasandra, T. Dasarahalli, Bengaluru - 560057 Have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) MANISHA MANOHAR GAROLA** to **(NEW NAME) MANISHA MANOHAR GAROLE** vide affidavit dated 07.08.2023 sworn before Notary B.M. Chandrashekar. Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PRASHANTH G PATIL** S/o G R Patil (expanded name of my father GANAPATHRAO RACHAPPA PATIL) resident of No.303, Dhanush Grands Apartments, Excise Layout Doddakammanahalli, Bangalore-560 076 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PRASHANTH** to **PRASHANTH G PATIL** vide Affidavit dated 12.08. 2023, sworn to before C.V. EARAPPA, Advocate & Notary, Government of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RAVIRAJ V H,** S/o. Vishwanath.N H., aged about 35 years, Residing at Flat No.104,Bhoomika Elites, Anjanapura BDA, Next to Real Homes Apartment, J P Nagar 9th Phase, Anjanapura, Bengaluru-560108, Karnataka, have changed my name from **RAVIRAJ HOLEBAGAL** (Old Name) to **RAVIRAJ V H** (New Name), vide affidavit dated:12-08-2023, sworn before Advocate & Notary Public, S.N. Madhu, Bangalore, for all Official & Future Purposes. (Initial's V H is the abbreviation of **VISHWANATH HOLEBAGAL**).

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) SREEDEVI RATHEESH** Spouse of NO JC- 315082K NB/SUB RATHEESH.H, Residing at Mangalathu House, Balagram (Post), Idukki (Dist), KERALA (State), Pin: 685552, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) SREEDEVI.M.C,** Vide Affidavit Dated 10.08.2023 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RAMKUMAR.R. (Aadhar Card No.5949 3476 8573) S/o. S.P.RAMAKRISHNA,** Aged about 44 Years, R/at No.24, Ranganatha Nilaya, 4th B Cross, 9th Main, K.N.Extention, Yeshwanthapura, Bangalore-560 022, have changed my Name from **RAMKUMAR.R** to **CHETASS.R** Vide Affidavit dated 02.08.2023 sworn before advocate and notary V.G. Manjunath, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Anusha Pothula D/o Suryarao Pothula W/o Gudala Suresh Kumar,** aged about 35 years, residing at P.Gannavaram Mandal, P Gannavaram, East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh-533240 have changed my Name from **GUDALA ANUSHA** to **ANUSHA POTHULA** Vide Affidavit dated 10.08.2023 sworn before advocate and notary Muniswamy .T, Bangalore Dist.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PADMA SENTHAMARAI VEERARAGHAVULU** W/o **Senthamari Veeraraghavulu,** R/at No.455, 6th Avenue, Teachers Colony, Koramangala 1st Block, Bengaluru- 560034, have changed my name to **PADMA SENTHAMARAI** vide affidavit dated: 11/8/2023 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **MAHESH M,** S/o. Muniraju, aged about 29 years, residing ato No.53, Sumangali Sevashrama Road, Kunthi Grama B Block, Cholanayakanahalli, Banagalore-560032, I declare that the names **MAHESH M and MAHESH** belong to me only, and both names belong to one and the same person, Vide affidavit dated 07-08-2023 sworn before Advocate and Notary Vijayalakshmi K, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, **BALAJI JANAKIRAMAN,** S/o. Janakiraman Ramaswamy, aged about 36 years and **ASHA BALAJI,** W/o. Balaji Janakiraman, aged about 36 years, both Residing at, #18/71, Mangalavalli Nilayam, Ashwathkatte Road, Old Gurappanapalya, Bannerghatta Road, Dharmaram College, Bangalore South, Bengaluru-560029, Karnataka, state that in my Daughter **CHARVI BALAJI** Birth Certificate bearing Registration **No:JAY/B/2018/000797, dated:03-02-2018,** my name is wrongly mentioned as **BALAJI,** instead of **BALAJI JANAKIRAMAN** and my Wife's name is wrongly mentioned as **ASHA,** instead of **ASHA BALAJI,** we both intend to rectify the same, vide affidavit dated:12-08-2023, sworn before Advocte & Notary Public, S.N. Madhu, Bangalore. We both shall be known and called as **BALAJI JANAKIRAMAN** and **ASHA BALAJI,** for all Official & Future Purposes.

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INDRAJIT LANKESH TO DIRECT HIS SON SAMARJIT'S DEBUT FILM

The film in the making, will officially commence on September 4, and the subject is set to have drawn inspiration from a true incident

A SHARADHAA

Samarjit Lankesh, the son of noted filmmaker Indrajit Lankesh, is all geared up to make his Kannada debut under the aegis of his father. He is the latest entrant from the esteemed family of writers and directors. We have learned from reliable sources that the project will go on floors on September 4 with a launch event, and the film is inspired on a true and impactful incident. More details about the film are expected to be out as the date of the launch nears.

Indrajit Lankesh, a journalist and media publisher, has worked as a writer, director, producer, and actor too in Kannada cinema. Some of his credits include films like *Thuntata* (2002), *Lankesh Patrike* (2003), *Monalisa* (2004), *Aishwarya* (2006), and *Luv U Alia* (2020). His recent directorial venture was the Bollywood film *Shakeela* (2020), featuring Richa Chadha.

Apart from Indrajit Lankesh, Samarjit's grandfather, P Lankesh is an accomplished writer and an award winning director. His aunt Kavitha Lankesh is also known for her stint in filmmaking.

After completing his studies, Samarjit went to the New York Film Academy for training in acting, stunts, and dance. He also gained acting experience through advertisement campaigns.

Indrajit, who has kept his son's debut launch shrouded in secrecy, has dedicated considerable time to shaping this project. With ongoing preparations, the details of the production crew, technical team, and cast are yet to be unveiled. However, it is known that Maasti will be responsible for crafting the dialogues.

Saanya Iyer
to mark her tinsel town debut along side Samarjit Lankesh

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Samarjit Lankesh's acting launch, directed by his father Indrajit Lankesh, will also mark the debut of actor Saanya Iyer. The actor, who gained recognition as a child artist in the television series *Putta Gowri Maduve*, has since made her mark in various arenas. Her notable appearances include participation in *Bigg Boss OTT Kannada,* and Season 9, where she emerged as a popular contestant. Additionally, she showcased her talent on a dance reality show.

Amidst growing anticipation surrounding Saanya's entry into the film industry, she seems to have found the perfect launch pad. More details are awaited to be officially made on September 4, which is set to be the launch date of the film.

Samyukta Hornad
lands a prominent role in *Kichcha 46*

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Samyukta Hornad seems to have hit a purple patch with interesting projects coming her way. While the *Hondisi Bareyiri* and *Kranti* actor has been generating excitement with her role in Raj B Shetty's *Toby,* which is set to release on August 25, and according to our sources, Samyukta has secured a prominent role in Kichcha Sudeep's next, tentatively titled, *Kichcha 46*. Directed by Vijay Karthikeya, the film is currently being shot in Mahabaleshwar, and Samyukta has reportedly joined the sets and has been filming her scenes with Sudeep.

The film is bankrolled by Kalaipuli Thanu's V Creations, and Sudeep's Kichcha Creations. The film has a strong technical crew, including art director Shivakumar, composer Ajaneesh Loknath, and cinematographer Shekar Chandra. Additional details about the remaining cast and crew are expected to be revealed soon.

HOSTEL HUDUGARU BEKAGIDDARE SET TO RELEASE IN TELUGU AS *BOYS HOSTEL*

The youthful entertainer directed by Nithin Krishnamurthy will hit the screens on August 26

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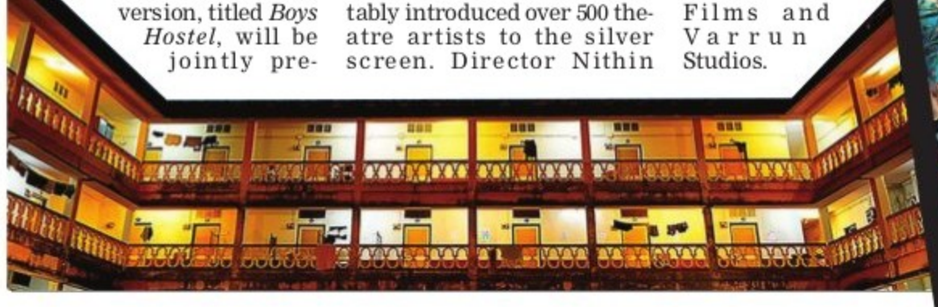
Nithin Krishnamurthy's directorial debut, *Hostel Hudugaru Bekaggidare,* was released on July 21, and received both critical and commercial acclaim. With the film reportedly having grossed over ₹ 20 Crores, the makers are set to present the film to the Telugu audiences. *Hostel Hudugaru Bekagiddare's* Telugu version, titled *Boys Hostel*, will be jointly presented by Annapurna Studios & Chai Bisket Films, and hit the screens on August 26.

Hostel Hudugaru Bekagiddare, presented by Rakshit Shetty's Paramvah Pictures, features mostly debutants, including Prajwal BP, Manjunath Nayaka, Rakesh Rajkumar, Srivatsa, and Tejas Jayanna Urs. The film also has cameo appearances by Rishab Shetty, Pawan Kumar, and Shine Shetty, and notably introduced over 500 theatre artists to the silver screen. Director Nithin Krishnamurthy, who played a pivotal role, has also produced the movie in collaboration with Varun Gowda, Prajwal and cinematographer Arvind S. Kashyap under the banners of Gulmohur Films and Varrun Studios.



Manoj Bajpayee reunites with *Bandaa* team for *Bhaiyaaji*

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MANOJ Bajpayee is still reeling from the spectacular success of his previous film, *Sirf Ek Bandaa Kaafi Hai* (*Bandaa*). Meanwhile, his latest film, *Joram,* has just won two awards at the Durban International Film Festival. With all this already making headlines, Manoj is back in the news with a brand new film. And this time, as a producer as well.

Manoj Bajpayee is collaborating once again with his *Bandaa* team for a new film titled Bhaiyaaji. The actor, who is set to lead the film, will also serve as a co-produce.

Apoorv Singh Karki and Deepak Kingrani, who helmed and wrote Bandaa, respectively, will direct and write Bhaiyaaji as well. The shoot for *Bhaiyaaji* is all set to begin in September in Uttar Pradesh, with a 45-day schedule.

About the film, which is billed to be a revenge drama, director Apoorv says, "With *Bhaiyaaji,* we are embarking on a journey to portray the raw and unfiltered essence of the characters against the backdrop of intense revenge drama and showcase the strength and emotions of family bonds. After a hard-hitting subject of *Sirf Ek Bandaa Kaafi Hai*, I wanted to explore a completely different style of cinema and *Bhaiyaaji* was the apt film."

The makers are yet to reveal more information about the cast and crew of *Bhaiyaaji.*